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The Kitson Reversing Gear for Rolling Mills.

Although modern rolling mill practice points to the general introduction of compound condensing reversing engines, there are many cases where a good reversing gear for fly-wheel engines will be of very great utility. In a recent issue of the *Verh. d. Ver. z. Beförd. d. Gewerhft.*, Prof. Peter Von Tunner, the venerable Austrian metallurgist, calls attention to the Kitson reversing gear, which, in its latest form, has been working for many months at the Monkbridge Iron Works, Leeds, England. Mr. Kitson's gear was introduced at his works quite a number of years since, and it attracted general attention, but until recently the need of frequent repairs prevented its general introduction. This drawback, Herr Tunner states, has been sufficiently removed by the latest improvements to warrant a more extended use. It may be true in some cases that a compound engine without a fly-wheel may really not consume more steam than a machine with a fly-wheel, but in most rolling mills the conditions are such as to render this doubtful. Especially for sheet mills, in which the rolls are reversed frequently and at short intervals, it does not seem likely that a reversing engine does not consume more steam than a machine with a fly-wheel and the Kitson reversing gear. Besides, it is possible with the latter to stop the rolls more promptly in case of accident. As now constructed, the Kitson gear consists of the following parts, shown in the accompanying engravings. A is the main shaft to be reversed. It is pierced from one end to the other by a hole into which water pipes are laid. The middle portion is square, as shown in section, Fig. 1, for the purpose of firmly attaching driving disk C, Figs. 1, 2 and 3. B and B', Fig. 2, are gear wheels which rotate in opposite directions, being connected by gearing in the ordinary way. C, Figs. 1, 2 and 3, is the driving disk, which consists of two parts. To it are attached the annular pistons D D', Fig. 3. The friction clutches E E', Figs. 2 and 3, can move freely on the shaft A. They are provided with annular cylinders, e e', into which the pistons D D' fit. The pipes H H' are intended for conveying the water from an accumulator to the annular cylinders. In order to operate the reversing mechanism, the water may be turned on or off by means of the valves K K', Fig. 3, so that the hydraulic pressure acts upon either one of the cylinders e e' or both are cut off from the pressure. The change may be made by turning either one of the valves, and can, therefore, be effected almost instantaneously. If the pressure acts upon the cylinder e, the friction clutch E is forced against the gear wheel B, which is thus clutched between G and E. All the wheels are then rotated by the machine, and the shaft A revolves in the same sense as the gear wheel B, because the bolts F F', Figs. 2 and 3, pass through the disk C. Whenever the pressure is cut off from the cylinder E by turning the valves, the wheel B is released, and if the pressure is transferred to the cylinder e', the wheel B' is clutched. The shaft A is then forced to revolve in the opposite direction. As soon as the pressure is cut off entirely from both cylinders, the clutch releases both of the wheels B and B', and, though they continue to revolve, the main driving shaft of the train A remains stationary. The general plan, Fig. 4, shows the arrangement of the machinery, the fly-wheel engine being at the left and the rolling train at the right, the reversing machinery occupying a position between the two.

A Plea for Improved American Machinery.—A practical miller, writing to the *Glasgow Herald*, expatiates at great length upon the causes which have brought about the ruinous competition of American millers with those of the British Islands. He contends that the English millers have neglected the most important point in the contest for the supremacy, viz., the improvement of their machinery, and that therefore the only reason why the American producer can import and undersell his English competitor is that he has the means, through his superior mechanical appliances, to produce a finer grade of flour at a cost and with an ease which puts the English miller hopelessly in the background. The writer, however, claims that much of the American flour imported into England is sold at an actual loss, and advises his co-workers to adopt the most improved American machinery now in use, and seize upon every new device as it comes from the inventor's hands.

Prof. Robert H. Thurston calls our attention to a typographical error in his paper, which was reproduced in our abstract in a recent issue. The alloy which he has found to be the strongest is composed of 55 parts of copper, 44.5 parts of zinc and 0.5 parts of tin, not 2.5 parts, as printed in *The Iron Age* of March 24.

Training Schools for Artisan Apprentices.

The *Journal* of the German Railroad Union gives an interesting account of the apprenticeship system in the Prussian Railroad shops.

For a considerable time the management of the workshop of the Berg and Mark Railroad have devoted much attention to train-

ing apprentices, on being made journeymen, shall receive a present of some article that will be useful to him in his vocation, for instance, a technical book, a traveling outfit, etc., to encourage him to continue his studies independently and occupy his leisure hours profitably. After the lapse of the first two years of apprenticeship the apprentices are put at contract work, in order that during their four years' stay they may be taught to

been trained in the shops during the last twenty years. In this personnel the railroad possesses a staff of capable workmen, accustomed to careful work, and by reason of their training thoroughly acquainted with every detail in the construction of rolling stock, and who, in both capability and usefulness, as well as in general conduct, are in no respects behind their fellow workmen who have received different training.

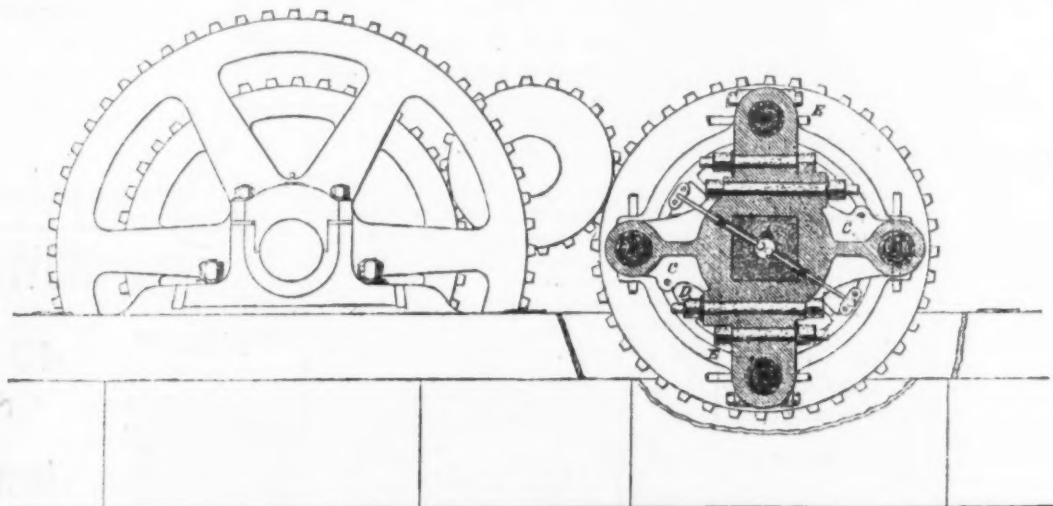


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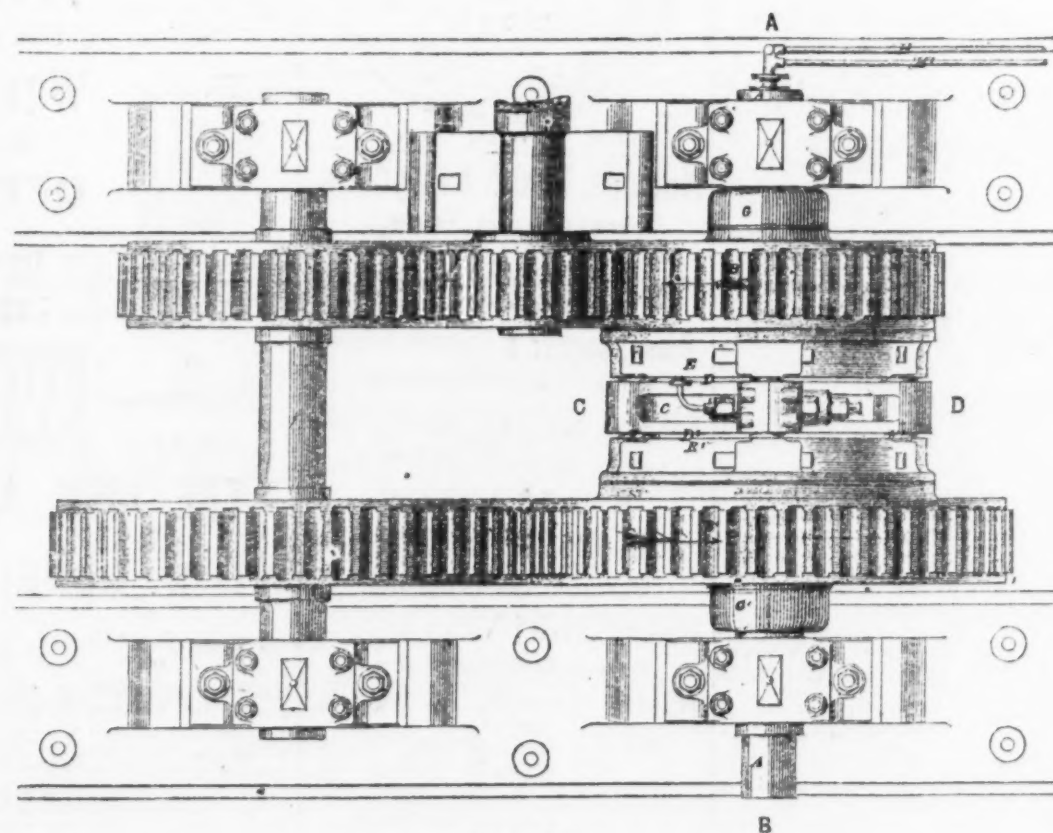


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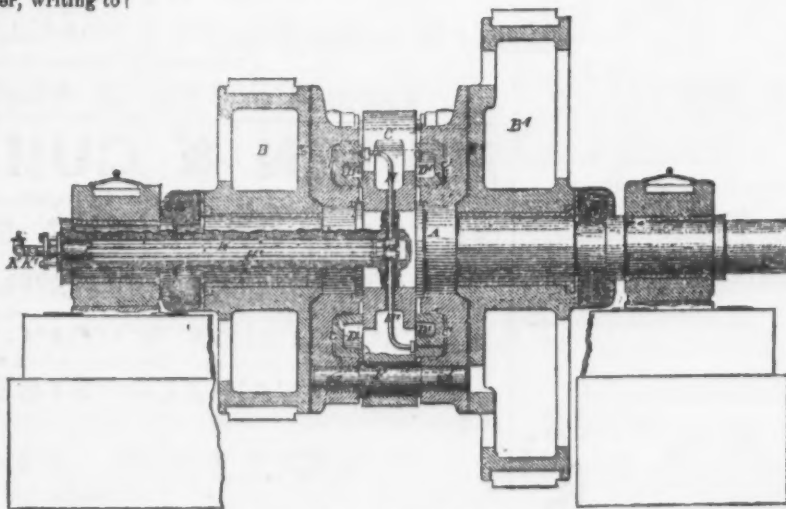


Fig. 3.—Section through A B.

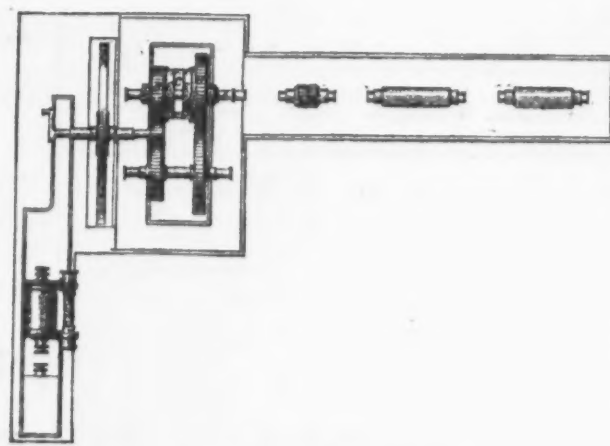


Fig. 4.—General Arrangement.

THE KITSON REVERSING GEAR FOR ROLLING MILLS.

ing apprentices and fitting them to become valuable assistants in their car and locomotive repair shop. The remuneration which the apprentices receive is fixed for the first half year at 60 pfennigs (15 cents) per diem, to increase half yearly for the first two years to 1 mark, 20 pfennigs (20 cents), and during the two last years of his apprenticeship to further increase half yearly to 1.60 marks (40 cents) per diem. It is also arranged that after completing his probationary work, every

understand and accomplish every branch of work undertaken in a railroad workshop.

Only in a few isolated cases, in which the apprentices were in reality themselves the cause, has it been found necessary to prolong the period of practical instruction beyond this time. A large number of the higher class of skilled artisans in the repair shops of the Berg and Mark Railroad, particularly in the Witten shops, are apprentices who have

American Steamship Line Finances.—The annual report of the managers of the American Steamship Company showed a deficiency for the year 1880 of \$57,510.15. The receipts for the year amounted to \$948,984.84, of which \$554,952.90 came from freight, \$384,351.81 from passengers and \$3,680.13 from miscellaneous services. The operating expenses were \$730,759.39; disbursements for shore expenses, \$102,017.89, including expenses of agencies.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

Prof. Marsh, of Yale College, has published a very valuable monograph on THE EXTINCT TOOTHED BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA.

So far as completeness of the remains is concerned, the remains are remarkably perfect, considering the fragile character of the birds' bones, there being almost perfect skeletons in some cases. The first specimens which were taken from the cretaceous deposits of Kansas were found by Prof. Marsh in 1870, and there are now in the Yale Museum more than 100 individuals of this group. The deposits in which they have been found consist of beds of a fine yellow chalk and a calcareous shale, which have been little disturbed, and to this fact the wonderful preservation of the fragile bones is due. There have been found two widely separated types of Odontornithes, as these toothed birds have been called by Prof. Marsh. They both lived during the cretaceous period in the same region, and yet differed more from each other than any two recent birds. One of these groups includes very large swimming birds without wings and with the teeth in grooves. The other contains small birds, endowed with great powers of flight and having teeth in sockets and biconcave vertebrae. Some of the aquatic birds measured almost 6 feet from the tip of the bill to the end of the toes. There were 14 functional teeth in the maxillary bone, while in each ramus of the lower jaw there were 33. These teeth were implanted in a continuous groove, and were no doubt held in place during life by cartilage. The method of replacement of the teeth was similar to that in some reptiles. The young tooth was formed on the inner side of the one which it was to replace. As it increased in size, the facing of the old tooth became more and more eaten away, and was finally expelled by the new one. The bill was long and slender, the neck long and flexible, and there were no functional wings. The legs were powerfully developed, but were adapted solely for progression through the water, a character which those of neither recent nor fossil birds possessed. The tail was wide, long and broad, and must have been of great service in steering and diving. The second class of toothed birds were small, of the size of a pigeon, with very large, strong wings, but small legs and teeth. The teeth were implanted in distinct sockets and were strongly recurved. The method of replacement of the teeth was not lateral, as in those of the first class, but vertical, as in the crocodile. That they were provided with feathers is proved beyond question by the tubercles for the attachment of quills on the forearm. The discovery of these two ancient types of birds, so widely different from each other and from all known members of the class, gives many hints as to the genetic origin of birds, and proves especially interesting as confirming the generally accepted view of the close relationship between birds and reptiles.

Before a recent meeting of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, Prof. M. L. Haupt read a paper describing

A SYSTEM OF DEFLECTING ARMOR FOR SEA-COAST DEFENSE,

designed by Mr. N. B. Clark, Past Assistant Engineer, United States Navy. The inventor's improvements are based upon the fact that it is much simpler to resist the effect of a projectile by deflecting it than by opposing it by thick masses of inert matter, as is evinced by the "ricocheting" of a shot upon the water. He protects all the vital parts of the vessel by an iron shield, convex upward, placed below the water line, and so curved that a shot cannot strike point blank. The guns are mounted upon the back of this shield, but incased in double convex disks, which are practically invulnerable. They are worked by very ingenious, but simple, devices in the hold, and loaded, swabbed and run into position for firing by hydraulic pressure. It is claimed that by this means a great economy is effected in the weight of metal required for attack and defense; the vessel is more readily handled, more seaworthy and is invulnerable. The principle may be applied equally well to the construction of batteries for defense on shore.

It has been proved by Herren Strouhal and Barus, from experiments in which steel wire was treated so as to show all degrees of hardness between the glass-hard and annealed states, that the thermo-electric and galvanic properties of steel vary with the degree of hardness in a very sensitive manner. Their researches, which were published in Wiedemann's *Annalen*, throw some useful light on the nature of the annealing process, and on the magnetic behavior of steel in relation to its hardness and other properties, a subject which fully deserves the closest investigation.

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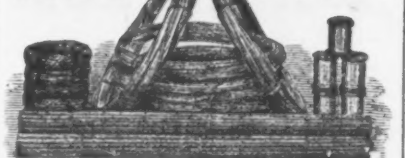
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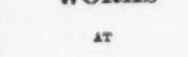
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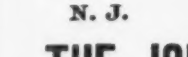
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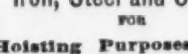
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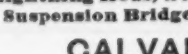
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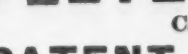
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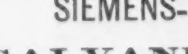
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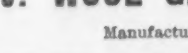
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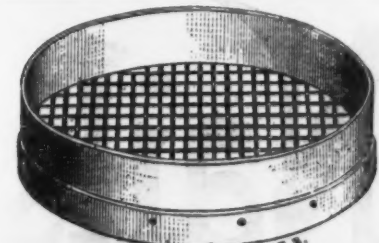
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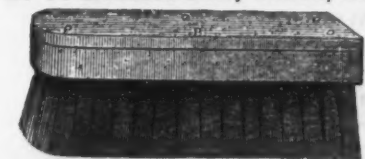
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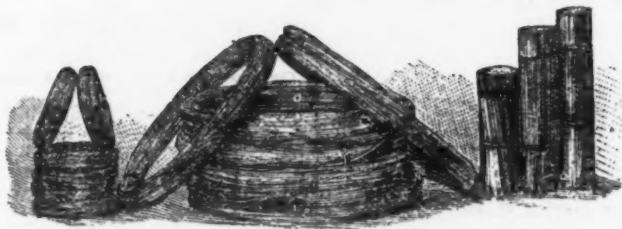
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The English Board of Trade and Steel.

The Engineer contains the following article, which will be read with interest by the producers as well as the users of steel:

It has been known for some time that the Marine Department of the Board of Trade has been experimenting with steel plates, and a species of report on these experiments in the shape of a memorandum for the information of Board of Trade surveys has just been published. The report is signed by Messrs. Thomas W. Trail, Thomas J. Richards and Peter Samson. It concludes with the following suggestive words:

"Proofs are not unfrequently given that with the increasing introduction of steel in shipbuilding and boiler making, considerable variability occasionally occurs in its tensile strength and ductility. One great obstacle to the greater, or even continued, use of steel for the above purposes may, it is feared, be found in the gradual reduction of its ductility, arising from the effects of competition between steel manufacturers."

The circumstances under which the memorandum has been prepared are very curious, and throw some light on the passage which we have quoted. The world in general has been for a very long time assured that the only steel in the market fit for ships and boilers is that made on the Siemens system, and those who make Bessemer steel have either been unable or unwilling publicly to contradict the assertion. The action taken by the Board of Trade is, no doubt, a blow to the Bessemer interest, and a very considerable boon to the Siemens-Martin interest. This will be readily understood when we add that the memorandum applies not only to the Siemens-Martin steel alone, but to the steel made by one firm, the Steel Company of Scotland. It does not appear that the Board of Trade is much to blame in the matter, and yet we cannot say that it has acted quite judiciously. The Board of Trade was asked, it appears, by the Steel Company of Scotland, to sanction the use of the company's steel in the construction of ships and boilers to be passed by the board. Mr. Trail, in reply to this request, said that he must have some proof afforded him of the fitness of the material for the intended purpose. "The company very readily acquiesced in the justice of the request," says the memorandum in very queer grammar, "and forwarded for testing a set of plates, 1/4 inch, 1/2 inch, 3/4 inch and 1 inch thick. They also caused to be constructed a set of experimental boxes of different thicknesses of steel plate to represent the flat surface of steam boilers. These have been burst by hydraulic pressure, and a large amount of valuable information gained respecting the strength of such surfaces when formed of steel plates." Thus it comes to pass, and we have said that nothing appears in the report concerning the steel made by any other firm save the Steel Company of Scotland; and our readers must judge for themselves whether the concluding passage of the memorandum, which we have quoted above, is meant as a warning to the Steel Company of Scotland not to let competition injure quality, or whether it is a hint to other companies that they should follow the examples set by the Scotch firm and eschew competition and its evils.

We do not wish it to be supposed that although the experiments of the Board of Trade dealt with only one make of steel, that they are consequently of little value; on the contrary, we hasten to assert that they are of great value, but that value will be immensely increased if some of the Bessemer firms, such for example as Sir John Brown & Co., will come forward and enable the Board of Trade to carry out a similar set of experiments on steel from the converter. It is not to be denied that the steel company of Scotland not only does its work very thoroughly, but is in a position to do a great deal of it. Its works were started at Newton, near Glasgow, in 1872, and have been increased in dimensions year by year. The converting house contains 30 hearths, the greater number of which have, with their Siemens furnaces, been started, and can turn out 65,000 tons of steel every year. The rail mills can make 40,000 tons a year; and there are plate mills which can turn out 25,000 tons a year. The consumption of coal is at the rate of 2000 tons a week; and the operations of the company are being extended, so that ere long its production will equal nearly 150,000 tons of steel per annum. That the steel made by the company is admirable no one seems to doubt. None is made by running direct from the blast furnace; good hematite, steel and iron scrap and iron ore are worked together in the hearth, ferromanganese or spiegel being added just before taking the charge. It takes about eight hours to work each charge, and this gives, as we have before pointed out, ample time to ascertain its quality, and in this respect the Siemens-Martin process has a great advantage over that of Bessemer. In saying this, however, we must not be understood to assert that Siemens-Martin steel is necessarily better than Bessemer steel.

The experiments carried out by Mr. Trail were far too elaborate to permit us to notice them all at once. For the present we shall content ourselves with dealing with those on tensile strains only. All the experiments seem to have been made by Mr. Kirkaldy. The plates tested were 1/4 inch, 1/2 inch, 3/4 inch and 1 inch thick; and one of the first points deserving of attention is that the elastic limit was nearly the same with the grain and across it, while the same may be said of the breaking strains. Furthermore, it appears that the thinner the plates the better they were. Thus, while the elastic limit of quarter-inch plates was 19 tons, that of a half-inch plate was 15.8 tons, and that of an inch plate 14.9 tons. Again, the breaking strain of a quarter-inch plate being 31 tons, that of a half-inch plate was 28.9 tons, and of a 1-inch plate 28 tons. It must be understood that Mr. Trail does not use "elastic limit" to denote the strain when permanent setting begins, but the load which causes the rate of elongation to suddenly accelerate. It is certain that the facts thus

set forth, although they are not new, are not generally known. It has, indeed, been asserted by many persons that the strength of steel is unaffected by the dimensions of the tested specimen; and that a steel plate 1 inch thick is just as good as a steel plate 1/4 inch thick. It has, however, been pointed out long since in our columns, that what holds true of thin steel plates does not necessarily hold true of thick plates; and the Board of Trade experiments, we are glad to see, confirm this view. Why the thin plates should be better than the thick it is not very easy to see, because it is claimed by all makers for their plates that all are equally well worked. Possibly some analogy exists between thin plates and thin wires, which, as is well known, are very much stronger per unit of area than thick wire. But we have not done with this set of experiments yet. It was found that the ultimate extension of specimens 10 inches long augmented with the thickness of the plates, varying from 23.5 per cent. with the grain, and 21.2 per cent. across it, with 1/4-inch plates, to 30.6 per cent. and 25.6 per cent. in the case of 1-inch plates. Thus the thick plates had more ductility and less ultimate strength than the thin. A very interesting comparison may be drawn between steel and iron boiler plates. The breaking stress of the iron plates was 21.2 tons for 1/4-inch, 21.40 tons for 1/2-inch, and 20.86 tons for 1-inch plates, while the extensions were respectively 9, 10.1 and 9.8 per cent. If we compare these results with those obtained from steel plates, it becomes at once apparent that iron is much the more uniform of the two. Mr. Trail sums up this portion of his report in the following words: "Comparing the steel with the iron, the ultimate stress of the former is about 36 per cent. greater than the mean of the latter. The contraction of area at fracture of the steel largely exceeds that of the different irons. In the case of the steel lengthways, it is 49.1 per cent., against 20.6 per cent. for the Yorkshire iron, 13.07 per cent. for the ordinary iron boiler plate, and 5.4 per cent. for iron ship plates. As the contraction of area at fracture is a guide to the ductility of material, it will at once be understood to how large an extent the ductility of the steel plates exceeds that of the iron, especially the ordinary boiler and ship plates." Concerning the ratio of the elastic limit to the ultimate strength, it is pointed out that, while in Yorkshire boiler plates it is about 58 per cent. of the whole, in steel plates it is 55 per cent., and, consequently, that the steel is really stronger than the iron. But it must constantly be borne in mind that Mr. Trail deals with only one make of steel, and there are no doubt steels in the market which are not only relatively, but absolutely, weaker than iron. It is possible to buy ductility too dearly. All the experiments to which we have called attention were made in the ordinary way, and, it is evident, leave much that is speculative concerning the behavior of steel still lost in doubt; and we cannot help regarding the entire series of experiments as wonderfully incomplete in this respect. Experiments made to ascertain the effects produced by drilled and punched holes illustrate this statement very precisely. We shall probably return at no distant date to the consideration of these experiments, but we may now say that the tests employed throw little or no light on the points now in the dark. It is well known, of course, that punching a steel plate or bar weakens it very much, but that weakness is manifested in a peculiar way. Thus, rails with punched flanges infallibly break at the holes when in use. The mere act of shearing a plate may cause it to crack; and it would appear that the failures coincident with punching are manifested most clearly when the bars or plates are exposed to some jarring action. Mr. Trail, to test the question, ignored shocks and jars altogether, and contented himself with exposing the samples to tensile strains steadily applied. The results he obtained are suggestive and valuable so far as they go, but they do not go far enough. He found, for example, that while drilled 1/4-inch plates maintained a strength of 21.9 tons for the gross area of the plate per inch, punching reduced its strength to 19.3 tons; but in the case of 1-inch plates, punching reduced their strength from 13.3 tons; drilled, to 13.45 tons. It also appeared that with the drilled plates there was a considerable increase in strength per square inch of net area of plate left between the holes, the gain, in some cases, reaching as much as 13 per cent.

Altogether, the experiments go to show that the Steel Company of Scotland produce a very admirable material when tested by the machine. We do not for a moment assert that it is not equally good in actual use, but on this point the memorandum of the Board of Trade is nearly silent, and when it returns to the points on which much ignorance exists, it does not speak in favorable terms of steel as a constructive material, while it concludes with a special note of warning. The question of the day is: How comes it to pass that steel which will pass every test in the machine, will fail in the most unpleasant pranks in the boiler yard or the ship? The Board of Trade have left this question very much where it was; but this is, we think, not the fault of the board. We have already pointed out that some of the makers of Bessemer steel should follow the example set them by their Scotch rivals, and we commend to their attention the following passage from the memorandum, which will aptly conclude this article: "The value to be attributed to steel plates when welded urgently requires experimental investigation. While some manufacturers assert their ability to weld steel plates, convincing proof is constantly afforded that others are unable to do so. Even in those establishments where the operation is considered to be properly performed, it is only intrusted to certain workmen, as other smiths, equally good for general work, cannot be depended upon to perform it with success. * * * An experiment was recently made to ascertain the value of an apparently perfect weld in a furnace which had been subsequently annealed, and the results showed that the weld was by no means so good as could have been obtained with iron. It is highly important that further experiments should be made in connection with the subject."

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carbon in steel, being very rapid, simple, and
not requiring much chemical skill, is in use
now in nearly all steel works, whether em-
ploying a chemist or not, and is generally
supposed to give fairly accurate results. I
need not say that if it does not give such
results, it is a serious matter to steel manu-
facturers and others, and it is because I be-
lieve that too much confidence is placed in
it that I beg a little space in your journal
for its consideration. Of course, the ease
and rapidity with which it can be carried
out created a demand, if I may use the ex-
pression, for carbon determinations. A
manufacturer might wish to know the
amount of carbon in a certain steel, but
if it would cost two or three guineas he
might ask himself if he could not do without
it. The color test has undoubtedly supplied
a great want, and has been of much value to
steel manufacturers, and has assisted very
materially the progress which has been made
in the manufacture of steel. I have for
some years accepted it only as a "compara-
tive test," and have thus escaped many con-
flicting results; and for steel the history of
which I did not know, have been careful to
avoid it, or to say that the carbon had been
determined by the color test. Having occa-
sion, however, lately to inquire into this
matter, I have found this conclusion more
than verified, and the error much greater
than I anticipated. I ought to say that the
fact of the color test not giving quite con-
cordant results has been pointed out before.
Mr. Spear Parker draws attention to it in
the Chemical News of August 20, 1880. The
differences he finds, however, are by no
means as great as might be easily found in
actual practice, and he thinks the difficulty
can be got over—partly, at all events—by
means of a correction. I think if I were to
assume a manufacturer asking for the car-
bon in a piece of steel direct from the
cementation furnaces—what is known as
blister steel—would expect that the result
he got would be the actual amount of car-
bon present, or at least something approach-
ing it. Such a thing is of daily occurrence
in Sheffield. The figure returned to him,
however, would probably be twice the
amount of carbon present. These are the
figures got under such circumstances, and
they have been thoroughly verified.

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| Carbon by color test..... | 1.60 |

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ened—i. e., made red hot and plunged into
cold water—the carbon again determined,
both with the color test and by burning the
carbon in oxygen, as before.

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|---------------------------|------|
| Actual carbon..... | 0.86 |
| Carbon by color test..... | 0.84 |

After hardening, it is exceedingly difficult
to get twice the same result by the color
test. At the surface, where it was so hard
that it could be crushed in a steel mortar,
the above figure was got, but it is only nec-
essary to go through a little way to get 1
per cent., 1.2 per cent., &c., always in-
creasing toward the center.

Again, if a piece of steel is annealed, the
color test gives a higher result, thus:

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| | No. 1. | No. 2. |
| Annealed (by color) Per cent. | 1.10 | Per cent. |
| As received..... | 0.4 | 1.25 |
| When hardened..... | 0.4 to 0.60 | increasing inward. |
| Actual carbon..... | 0.64 | 0.72 |

The following are some of Mr. Parker's
figures:

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| By color test. | Actual carbon..... |
| Unhardened..... | 1.00 |
| Hardened..... | 0.81 |

From the method of hardening, however,
which he adopted in order to avoid the dif-
ficulty of drilling the hardened piece, it could
not be hardened to any great extent, and,
taking this fact into consideration, his
figures and mine quite agree with each other.
Hardening and annealing, however, are not
the only things which interfere with the
coloration process. Hammering, rolling,
&c., also interfere, and the object of my
experiments was to ascertain the actual
effect of such treatment, as suggested in Mr.
Parker's paper just referred to; and al-
though I do not think it impossible to make
a correction for such cases, yet as it is not
often that the chemist knows the exact his-
tory of the steel, the result must at all times
be given with a certain amount of reserva-
tion, and those who get the result ought to
know that it is thus estimated. Besides, hard-
ening, annealing, hammering, &c., is not
always the same, or has anything like the
same effect, as some of the above results
show. Moreover, some chemists use a
standard steel which has been hammered or
rolled, while others use the unworked steel,
the result being that their results do not
agree with each other. If the piece to be
tested has been hammered, he who uses the
hammered steel standard will get accurate
results, while he who uses the unworked steel
standard will be entirely wrong, and vice
versa. I have had an instance of this lately,
in which the difference between the two
results was equal to 35 per cent. on the
lower figure.

I think the evidence quite strong enough
to show that this color test ought to be used
as a comparative test only in steel works
where it is possible to carry it out as such,
and ought clearly to be abandoned as a
means of determining the amount of carbon
in steel, for which it is at present too much
used.

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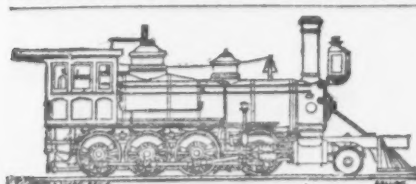
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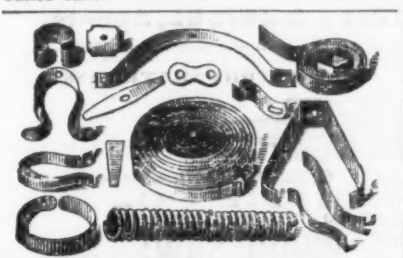


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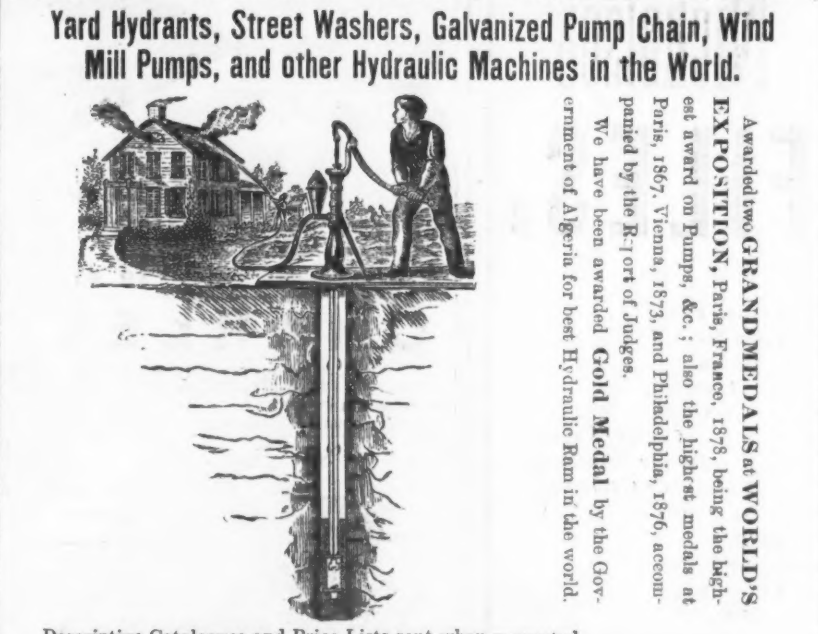
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States did not desire an annexation of terri-
tory, but only a reciprocity of commerce.
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how much value to them such a reciprocity
is. The feeling toward America has under-
gone a radical change, and even Diaz is
fostering the investment of foreign capital.
The inauguration of our system of railways
in that country is now universally desired,
and every enterprise looking to a union be-
tween America and Mexico is heartily en-
couraged. Disappointment may follow,
but it is evident that American capitalists
are indulging great expectations respecting
the future industrial development of Mexico,
through the efficacy of lines of railroad.
The danger is in carrying railroad extension
to excess. We have gone quite far enough
in that direction already.

Cements and Glues.

At a recent meeting of the Polytechnic
Club of the American Institute, Dr. John
Phin read an interesting paper on cements
and glues which we condense as follows:
Cements are to be divided into four classes,
according as they dry, congeal by oxidation,
harden by cooling, or "set" by other chemi-
cal changes. First are those which harden
by evaporation. Under this head may be
classed paste, mucilage and their varieties.
Glues to a certain extent dry.
The second class includes the oils. These
are said to dry, but it is not by evaporation.
They lose nothing, but absorb oxygen from
the air. The cement weighs more after
hardening than when first applied. Cements
which congeal by oxidation cannot be
treated in the same way as those of the first
class. They require a longer time to handle.
The hardening goes on from the outside in-
ward. For example, mend a piece of porce-
lain with one of these cements. Test it in
a few days, and although the outside will
be hard the inside will not appear to have
dried in the least, and will have no tenacity.
Leave it for six months, and it will be very
strong.
Thirdly, we have those cements which
harden by cooling. These, instead of gaining
their strength slowly, like those of class two,
become hard at once. Shellac is a good
example of a cement of this kind. China
put together with melted shellac is extremely
strong.
A fourth class of cements may be re-
presented by plaster-of-Paris. This is the type
of an extensive class, including the whole
line of mortars and hydraulic cements, on
which depend our great engineering works
and even the houses in which we live. It
forms a chemical compound combination
with water first, and then more slowly
hardens by drying, a part of the water evapor-
ating.
In order to use a cement successfully we
must know to what class it belongs and
treat it accordingly. Next, we must know
how to put it on. In no case should it be
used in a large quantity. The less the bet-
ter is a good rule to follow.
In mortar we mingle sand, which makes
the actual thickness of the line between the
stone surfaces in all cases very slight, how-
ever much mortar we may employ. In the
use of glue this is not practiced or neces-
sary. The joints made by carpenters are
good examples of the minute quantity of a
cement which is necessary. Place a well-
made glued joint on the edge, and it is al-
most impossible to find the lines of glue. Its
position is mainly discovered by the direc-
tion of the grain of the wood.
Intimate contact between the cement and
the edges is necessary. This is not easy, on
account of the layer of air which adheres to
all bodies. This layer of air is what causes
needles to float when carefully placed upon
the surface of water. When an object is
warmed the film of air is easily moved. The
hot needle sinks, and to the hot body the
cement will adhere easily. It is faulty for
this reason, that in gluing it is needful to
have the work warmed. The rubbing of the
surfaces together gets rid of the air, and
then not only with glue, but with all ce-
ments, the surfaces must be pressed closely
together.
Common glue has enormous strength and
adhesive powers if it is good. But to be
good it must not have been injured in the
making by decomposition; not only is the
glue itself liable to be injured in this way
during the process of manufacture, but the
animal matters such as skin, offal from the
slaughter houses, hoofs, &c., are pecu-
liarly liable to decomposition. When this
happens the quality of the glue suffers in
proportion. In the process of manufacture
itself, which is a kind of jolly making on a
large scale, there are numerous accidents
which are liable to injure the quality. All
of them seem to be forms of decomposition;
in fact, glue is not free from danger in this
respect until it is entirely dry. The best
glue will be pleasant to both taste and smell,
and if it is not so its strength has been im-
paired. If in no way offensive either to
taste or smell, it may be trusted to hold
wood more firmly than its own fibers adhere
to each other.
The strongest known glue is that made
from the skins and sounds of fishes; this is
known under the name isinglass or fish
glue, and the strongest glue of this kind is
made by the Laplanders use it in
making their bows, which are both strong
and durable. In making it their cold climate
is greatly in their favor; here a fish-skin
will begin to undergo decomposition before
it can be dried.
In making it the skins are put into a blad-
der, which answers for a water bath, and
heated in water until a sort of glue results.
This glue is, as may be imagined, very
elastic. Isinglass is very liable to be spoiled
in making by overheating.
The pastes are all made from starch in
some of its forms. Gluten is also used for a
paste, but starch is the best. All additions
of rosin, &c., commonly recommended are a
damage to paste.
Dextrine, or "British gum," is of immense
value in the arts as a cement. It is derived
from starch by roasting or by the action of
nitric acid. It was discovered by accidental
overheating of starch, and its process of
manufacture was for a long time kept secret.
Its chief use for some time was in the cot-
ton manufacture. It is the standard gum

for postage stamps, though it is said that
gun-arabic and cheaper substitutes are used
in this country. [Dextrine is one of the
most valuable substances which we have for
making pastes, &c., and deserves to be more
generally known. Its usefulness as a ma-
terial for sticking paper is much greater
than gum arabic, being free from many of
the objectionable features of the latter.]
No cement can be fire-proof which con-
tains organic matter, since this is decom-
posed at a temperature about that of melting
lead, or, say, 600° F. Cements containing
oils will not be fire-proof.

Silicate of soda mixed with asbestos is the
nearest to a fire-proof cement. It will stand
a low, red heat. It is decomposed at a bright
red.

Water-proof glues are made in two ways.
Glue and linseed oil are recommended, but I
have had little success with the mixture.
The chromates may be used with glue.
These, when exposed to the light, render
the compound insoluble. Unfortunately, al-
though water will not dissolve a glue thus
treated, it still has an action upon it. The
glue has in fact been, as it were, tanned by
the combined action of the bichromate and
the light. It will, like leather, swell up and
soften when long exposed to water.
Aquarium cement is the best water-proof
cement I know. The formula is:

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|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| Litharge..... | 3 | Rosin..... | 1 |
| White sand..... | 3 | Roller linseed oil..... | 1 |
| Plaster of Paris..... | 3 | | |

The solids are to be taken by measure in
powder and mixed. As it sets rapidly, the set
must not be added until it is wanted for use.
It is better for being put into a mortar and
pounded. It hardens in three days. It will
hold glass firmly, and with it glass tanks
may be made without frames, if the angles
are well filled with cement. It is a kind of
mastic, and could be used on brick.

What is technically known as marine glue
stands almost by itself. Where it can be
put on hot it is admirable. It is composed
of india rubber and shellac, dissolved in
naphtha. Some kinds are hard, some almost
liquid. I have seen this glue adhere to
glass so firmly as to tear the glass when
plates were separated.

In answer to a question the speaker said
that strata, whose wonderful powers are
so frequently exhibited upon the streets, is
probably only the old Armenian cement.
This is so strong that it will hold jewels in
place, and is used for this purpose by the
Armenian jewelers, who merely flatten the
settings of their precious stones and then
stick them in place upon the metal with this
cement. It is made by dissolving isinglass
in alcohol along with gum ammoniac. When
well made it is perfectly transparent.

The Northern Coast of Africa.

In his recent lecture in this city, entitled
"A Cruise Along the Northern Coast of
Africa," Commander Goringe, United
States Navy, stated many facts of unusual
interest. He called attention to a fine
enlarged map of the northern coast of
Africa to show the proximity of two por-
tions of the globe that present the greatest
contrast—the highest civilization of Europe
and the almost depopulated condition of the
once fertile country, with its magnificent
cities and cultured people, that lies between
the Great Desert and the Mediterranean
Sea. This strip of land is gradually becom-
ing more narrow, and the once great cities
of the Pentapolis are nearly buried beneath
the sands of the desert. The speaker alluded
to the French plan of cutting a canal of 102
miles, admitting the waters of the Mediter-
ranean into the sunken portion of the desert,
at a cost of \$500,000,000.

"Opinions differ," he said, "as to the
feasibility of cutting a canal to flood the
depressions and as to the results of flooding
them. It is conceded that the evaporation
from the flooded area would be sufficient to
ameliorate the climate of Southern Tunis
and reclaim for cultivation a vast region
now arid and uninhabited. The soil needs
only water to render it unequalled in fer-
tility. Wherever springs or wells afford a
supply for irrigation an oasis is found yield-
ing grain and fruit in abundance. The
extremes of temperature, now very great,
would be diminished. We observed in our
camp on the desert in February, 1878, a
range from 20° F. at three in the morning
to 86° at noon. Unable to lie still long
enough to go asleep after midnight for the
cold, we were almost overcome by the heat
of midday. One of the great advantages
to be derived from flooding the valley
would be the creation of a water way to
the southern provinces of Algeria, and
this accounts for the great interest shown
by the French in the subject. M. de Lesseps
visited the region, and a canal would prob-
ably have been commenced had his intention
not been diverted to Panama. Notwith-
standing the fact that the route of the
proposed canal passes through many miles
of quicksands, in which caravans that have
lost their way in crossing the *chotts* have
been swallowed up, the French engineers
regard it as entirely feasible. Doubtless
they will find it as easy to control the quick-
sands of Africa as the floods of the Chagres
in Central America. Cutting a canal 102
miles through a desert is doubtless as easy
to a Frenchman as demolishing a mountain
or two on the Isthmus of Panama. The
estimated cost of the canal is about \$500,-
000,000, and it does seem to me that such an
outlay would not be justifiable for flooding
an area of 3000 square miles—about one-
tenth of that of Lake Superior. The world
is not yet so thickly peopled as to make it
necessary to provide more room. We can
offer to European emigrants for some years
to come fertile lands for cultivation at lower
rates than the promoters of the French in-
land sea scheme could afford to sell land
reclaimed at such a cost."

He spoke of his journey to the Great
Desert, and said: "Not the least interest-
ing recollections of my trip to the proposed
inland sea are those of the numerous Greek
and Roman ruins that were scattered along
the route. Vestiges of ancient towns were
seen where now there is not a living
creature. A part of our route lay along an
old Roman road marked by the ruins of
small forts and block houses at short inter-
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day, our guides took us to an old Roman bath

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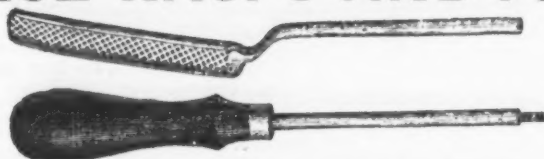
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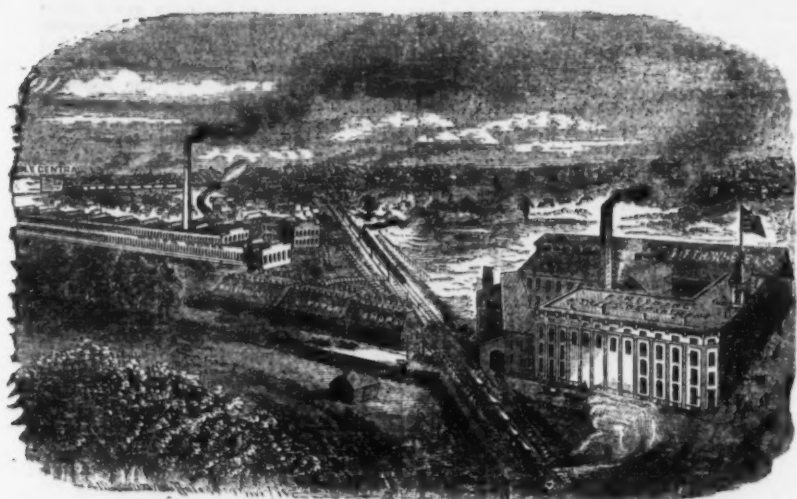
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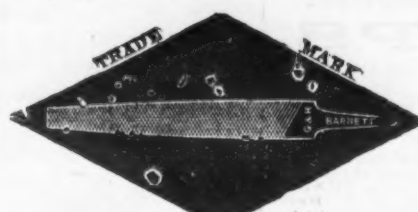
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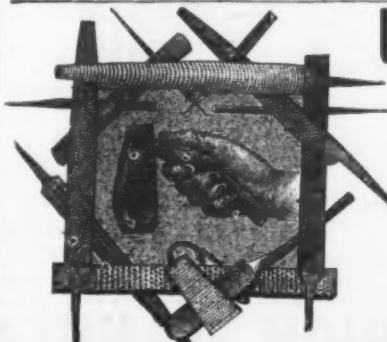
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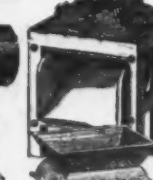
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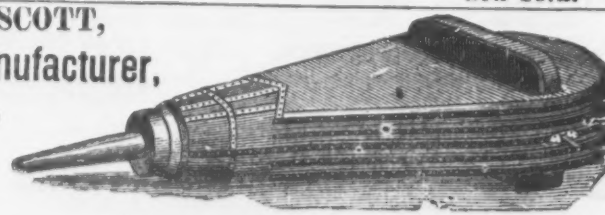
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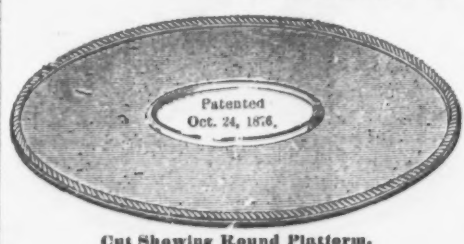
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Papers on Practical Founding—XX.

BY EDWARD KIRK.

FLASK HOOKS.

The cohes and drags of the flasks for stove founding are made so shallow and light that they are very liable to warp when not in use; and even when they are in use, if piled up carelessly over night, they will often get twisted so that the drag will not lie solidly upon the follow-board, or the cope upon the drag when rolled over and the follow-board removed, and it is more difficult to make the mold in them. To prevent the cope and drag from warping when not in use, and to assist in holding them together when the mold is poured, small iron hooks are secured to the sides of the drag by staples, and when the mold is made they are hooked into small staples on the side of the cope so that the cope and drag are held together, preventing the former from being lifted by the upward pressure of the molten iron. When the work is shaken out the cope and drag are allowed to remain hooked together, which prevents the pins from being torn loose or broken off; and when not in use they are always hooked firmly together, which makes them less liable to spring. If they do spring, they both spring the same way, which is not so bad as if they sprung in opposite directions, or as if only one part were sprung. Various styles of these hooks are used, all of them having their peculiar advantages; but they are all made of such a shape that the further the point of the hook is driven into the staple in the cope the closer it will draw the cope and drag together. Fig. 44



Practical Founding.—Figs. 44, 45 and 46.—Flask Hooks.

represents the hook most commonly used. It is generally made of three-eighth round iron; the eye is securely welded to prevent its yielding, and the hook end is made so that it will draw the hook upon the staple, both in the cope and drag, and draw them close together. In Fig. 45 is shown a flat hook. This is designed to be made of cast iron, and is as good a hook, while it lasts, as the other, but it is very easily broken, a slightly hard stroke of the molder's hammer being sufficient to break it; and when a hook is broken, it is a great deal of trouble to draw the staple and put on another so that it will fit properly into the staple in the cope. Moreover, when a staple is drawn from the drag and replaced in the same holes, it always works loose after being used a few times, and the hook is of no service. This hook cost less than the wrought-iron hook, but it is so easily broken that it is but very little used. In Fig. 46 is shown another style of wrought-iron hook. It is made of three-eighth round iron, and the curve in the back near the top is designed to give a little spring to the hook, and prevent it from being easily broken, and also to make it spring upon the staple so that there will be no danger of its flying out when the mold is

drag up from around the sand, and the iron will flow out under the drag through the cracks made in the sand. In order to prevent this the cope is secured with clamps to the bottom board, under the drag. These clamps are made of various materials and of various shapes, but those most commonly used in stove foundries are cast iron and of the shape shown in Fig. 47. This clamp is generally made about 1 inch wide and three-fourths of an inch thick, and the points or bends on each end are from 1 1/2 to 2 inches long, and of the same width and thickness as the body of the clamp. The length of the clamps varies according to the flask they are to be used upon, but they are always made half an inch longer than the width of the flask and bottom board together; so that, by inclining the clamp a little from the perpendicular, the points can be made to clamp tightly upon the bottom board and the top of the flask. Some foundries cut off the outer corners of the points of this clamp and make the body a little heavier in the middle than near the ends; this makes the clamp a little lighter and handier to work with, but it is no better than the clamp shown, and requires more work to make it, for it must be molded in a flask, while the clamp shown can be made in open sand. The cost of these cast-iron clamps is comparatively nothing, for in the majority of foundries every molder has to make his own clamps after he has put up his day's work. They are generally poured with little drops of over iron which would have to be poured into the pig bed, and in case a clamp gets broken, it is thrown into the scrap heap and melted over, so that the only expense the founder is at is the cost of the iron used. Several patent cast-iron clamps for stove flasks have been invented, but their first cost is greater than that of the clamp commonly used, and they are more easily broken and are liable to get out of order. None of them, therefore, have ever come into general use in any but the foundries in which they were invented. Some of these clamps are arranged so that they can be extended or shortened to any desired length, and the flask can be clamped without the use of a clamping iron. They prevent the top of the flask from being worn off by clamping and knocking off the clamps, and they are more convenient and economical for certain kinds of work than the common clamps. Three of these patent clamps are in use in the foundries of William Besor & Co., Chamberlain & Co. and the Eureka Co-operative Foundry, in Cincinnati, and I believe the inventors of the different clamps can be found at each of these foundries by any who may wish to adopt them or make any inquiries in regard to them.

Some foundries do not use cast-iron clamps at all, but make all their clamps of wrought-iron rod about 3/4 inch in diameter. This rod is bent to form a clamp of the same shape as the cast-iron clamp (Fig. 47), and it makes a better one in every respect, for there is more spring to it; it can be sprung on the flask so as to hold better, and in case it is a little too long or short, it can be bent a little, so as to make it fit; it is not easily broken, and is lighter and handier to work with. The only reason that wrought-iron clamps are not used exclusively in stove foundries is that they cost more than cast-iron clamps, and when one gets broken or new ones are wanted, they must be made by a blacksmith, while every molder can make a new cast-iron clamp adapted to his flask whenever it is wanted. The number of clamps required to clamp a flask varies according to the size and shape of the flask and the shape of the casting to be made in it. As a rule, twice as many clamps are required for a flask in stove founding as would be needed for a flask of the same size in machinery founding, for the upward pressure of the molten iron does not depend upon the weight of the casting, but upon its shape and the rapidity with which the iron is poured into the mold. In many cases more clamps are required for a flask in which a plain oven plate weighing only 6 or 8 pounds is molded, than would be needed for one in which a piece of machinery weighing 100 or 200 pounds is molded, so that the weight of the pattern or casting is no indication of the number of clamps required. More clamps are required for a plate 1 foot square and one-eighth of an inch thick than would be required for the same plate if it were half an inch thick, because the iron must be poured hotter and faster for the thin plate than for a thick one, or it will not fill the mold and make a perfect casting before it chills. Now, when molten iron is poured rapidly the flow is stopped suddenly when the mold is filled, and a greater upward stress is exerted on the top than if the plate were thick and the molten iron were poured slowly, so that more clamps are required for a thin plate than for a thick one. A flat plate requires more clamps than a curved or crooked one, and a bottom requires more clamps than a top or side. The number of clamps required on each flask depends entirely upon the shape and thickness of the casting and upon the position of the clamps, for they must be distributed according to the shape of the casting. To learn to clamp a flask properly, like everything else about molding, requires long practical experience.

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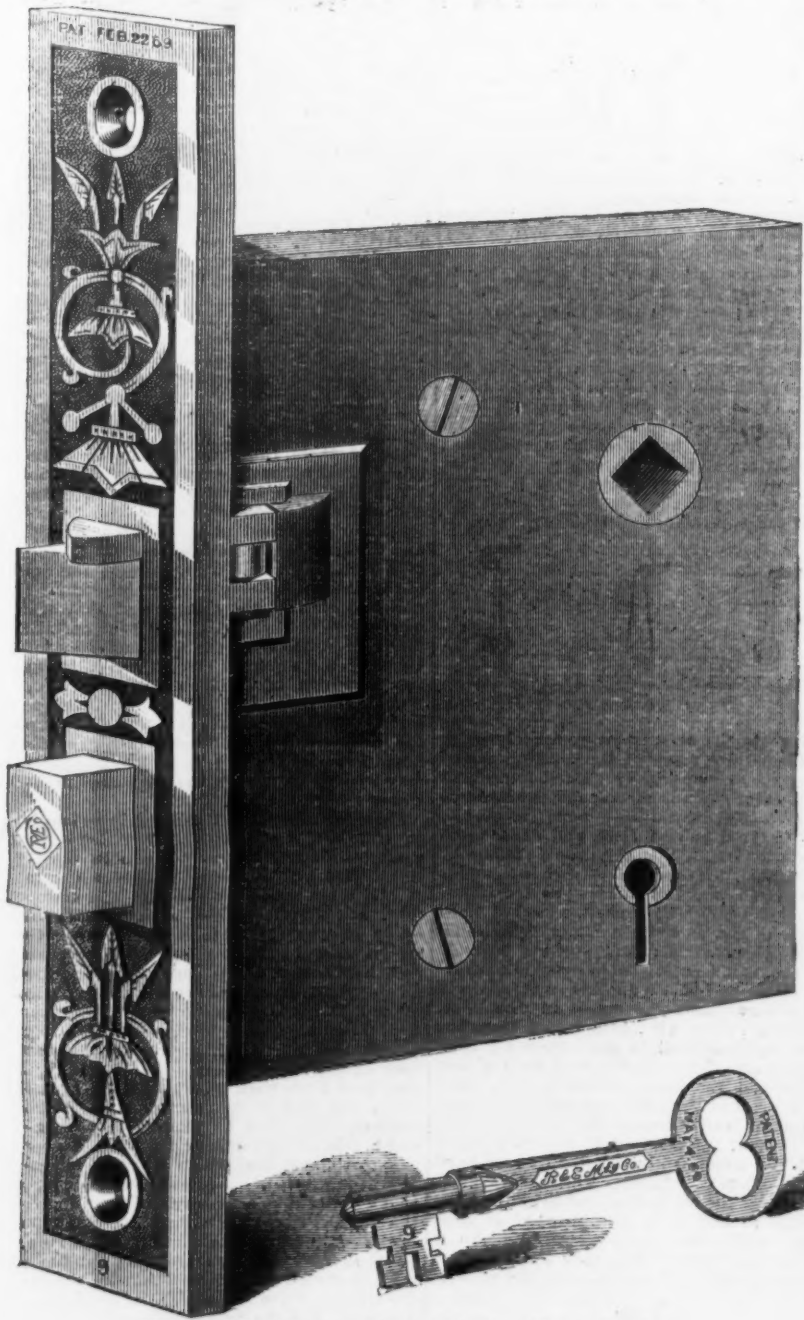
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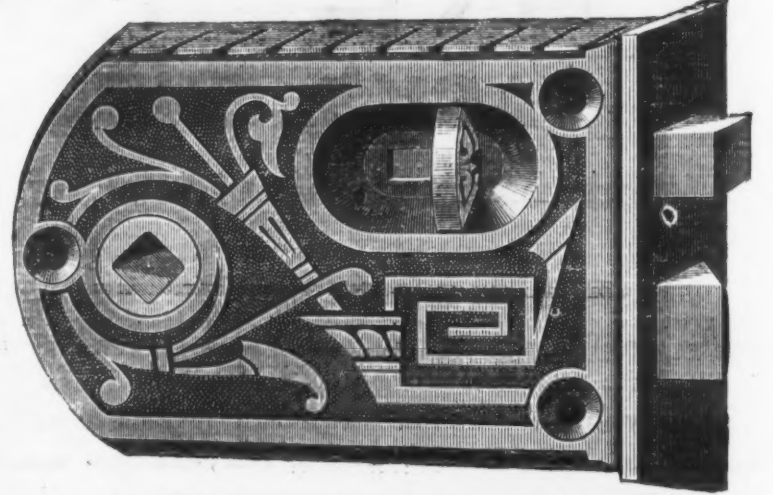
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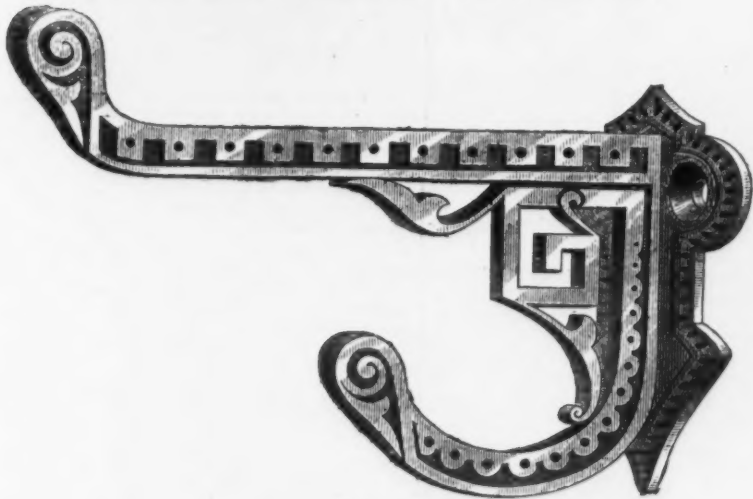
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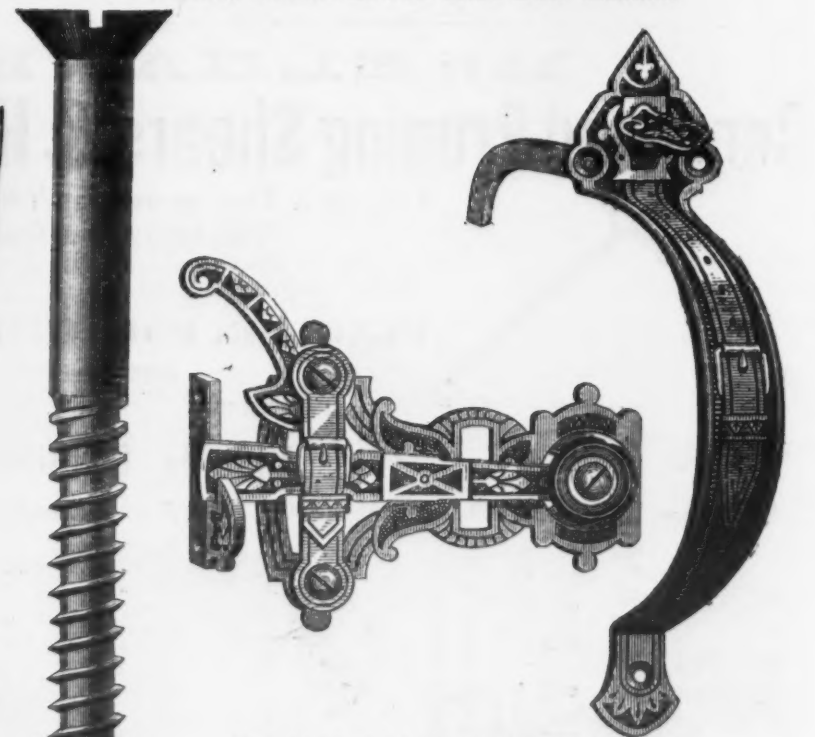
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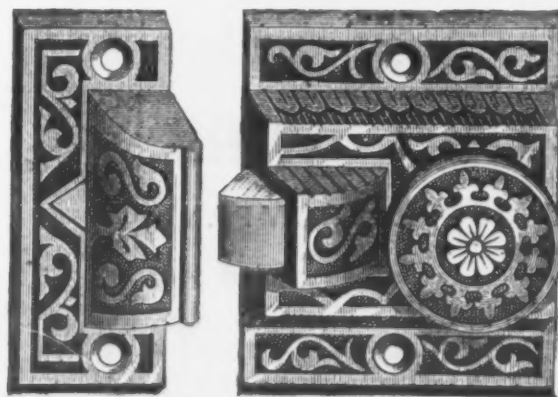
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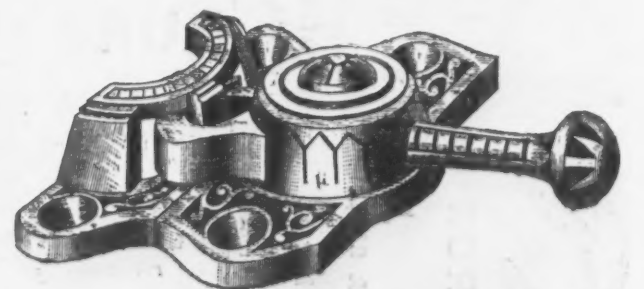
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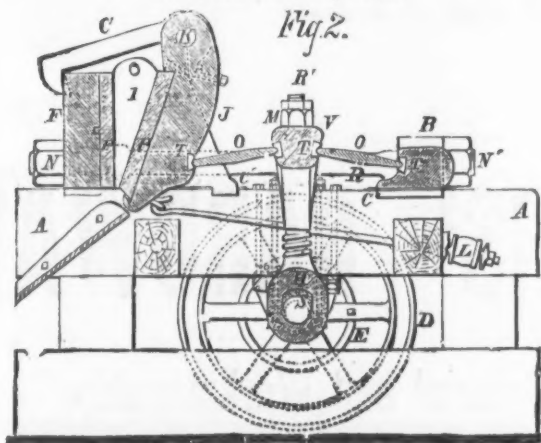
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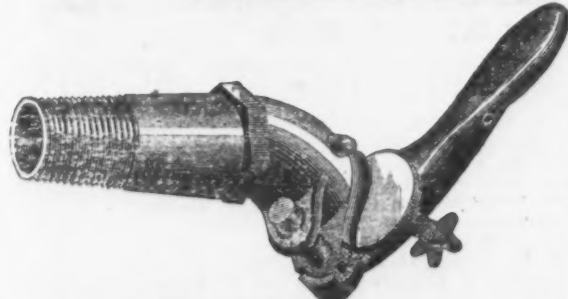
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British Investments Abroad.

The commercial statistics of Great Britain have shown for many years an excess of imports of merchandise over exports. For the five years ending Dec. 31, 1880, the official figures reported by the Board of Trade are these:

| Year. | Imports. | Exports. | Excess of Imports. |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1876..... | \$375,150,000 | \$256,780,000 | \$118,370,000 |
| 1877..... | 394,420,000 | 252,340,000 | 142,080,000 |
| 1878..... | 398,770,000 | 245,480,000 | 153,290,000 |
| 1879..... | 362,960,000 | 248,780,000 | 114,180,000 |
| 1880..... | 400,990,000 | 282,810,000 | 118,180,000 |
| Totals..... | \$1,911,320,000 | \$1,286,190,000 | \$625,130,000 |

That is to say, the aggregate balance of trade against Great Britain for the five years was \$625,130,000, or \$3,125,000,000, being an average of \$125,026,000, or \$625,130,000 per year, a sum very near equal to the value of the total merchandise imports of the United States for the year 1880. Ordinarily, a country which imports more than it exports either pays the difference in gold and silver or runs in debt to foreign creditors. Great Britain does neither. In 1879 and 1880, she did, indeed, export nearly \$7,000,000 more specie than she imported, but during the three previous years her specie imports exceeded her specie exports by an aggregate of \$10,000,000. The stock of bullion in the Bank of England, which was \$21,215,760 on Jan. 5, 1876, stood at \$24,269,271 on Jan. 5, 1881. Of the immense imports of gold into the United States during 1879 and 1880 only the \$7,000,000 just mentioned came from Great Britain. The remainder having been furnished by France and Germany. Nor do we hear of British traders and British corporations being indebted to foreigners. No British commercial paper is to be found seeking for discount in European or American money markets, and no bonds of British railroads and other undertakings are hawked upon foreign stock exchanges. Of the enormous amount of merchandise and specie which has been poured into Great Britain within the past five years, more than \$3,000,000,000 worth has been used up and consumed in various ways, and the world outside has nothing to show for it. Moreover, the country contrived every year to furnish nearly \$50,000,000 for new enterprises—the total for five years having been nearly \$240,000,000, or \$1,200,000,000.

In partial explanation of the phenomenon, it must be considered that the Board of Trade returns, from which our figures are taken, reckon both imported and exported merchandise at its market value at British ports, and, consequently, that the amount of imports is swelled by freights and charges, while that of exports remains at the bare shipping price of the goods. Now, three-fifths of the tonnage which arrives at and leaves Great Britain belongs to British owners, and since it may reasonably be assumed that freights are shared in the same proportion, it follows that during the last five years British vessels have brought home annually \$267,600,000 worth of merchandise and carried away \$180,100,000. Allowing that the freights on imports, which are mostly bulky articles, such as grain, flour, beef, cotton and other raw materials, are 10 per cent. of their value, and that they are 5 per cent. on exports, which, being mostly manufactured goods, are more costly in proportion to the room they occupy, we shall have \$26,760,000 as the freight earned on imports and \$9,000,000 for that earned on exports. Add to these again an average of 2½ per cent. on imports to represent the profits of the importing merchants, and we shall have, on annual imports of \$382,260,000, the sum of \$9,560,000 more. The apparent balance of trade against Great Britain is, therefore, greater than the real balance by the amount of these three items, namely, \$45,320,000, so that the real balance is about \$280,000,000. Even this is an immense sum, and the question how Great Britain pays it is highly interesting. The answer is that she does not have to pay it at all; that it is nothing but the remittance to her of the income of her citizens from the investments they have made abroad, sent home in the form of goods.

The British people are distinguished not only by a spirit of adventure and enterprise, which scatters them over the face of the earth in search of fields for the exercise of their money-getting talents, but also by an intense love for the country of their origin. Wherever the Briton may go to build up his fortune—whether to America, Africa, Asia or the islands of the Pacific—he always looks back lovingly and regretfully to his native land. In the thought and in the speech of the British settlers in Canada, Australia and New Zealand; of the British merchants and bankers of New York, Calcutta and Hong Kong, and of the British engineers and contractors who conduct British enterprises in South America, Egypt and India, Great Britain is always home, and the hope of their life is to go back and live there after their painful exile, lucrative as it may be, is ended. The centrifugal force, strong as it is, which carries the British abroad, is not so strong as the centripetal attraction which draws them homeward, and thus it happens that every year thousands of men who went away in their youth poor, come back in their old age rich, to spend for the remainder of their days their incomes in Great Britain, but leaving behind them the investments from which those incomes are derived. England and Scotland are sprinkled thickly with the luxurious country places of such men. They cluster in the smaller provincial towns, and their London residences vie in magnificence with those of home-bred millionaires.

In addition to these returned exiles, Great Britain is the refuge of a considerable num-

ber of wealthy Continental Europeans whom either political necessities have driven to her shores or who have been attracted thither by the charms of her town and country life. The Empress Eugénie, for example, has made her home in England, and spends there the ample fortune prudently laid aside by her late husband for the contingency of his downfall. The Empress of Austria goes every winter to Ireland for the hunting season. Rich noblemen and bankers from France, Germany and Italy find London, during the gay season, in spite of its fog and smoke, a most agreeable watering place, and rich Americans who have made the same discovery are beginning to join them. All this large class have property outside of Great Britain on which they draw for their expenses, and the sums sent to them form no inconsiderable part of the balance we are considering.

Then, again, numbers of capitalists, who have never been out of Great Britain, are driven by the difficulty of finding sufficiently productive home investments into sending their capital abroad, and in this they have been naturally encouraged and assisted by their countrymen in foreign lands. The mines of tin, iron and coal with which England is endowed, the ingenuity of her artisans, and the skill and enterprise of her manufacturers have, until lately, at least, been producing material wealth more rapidly than it could be consumed. The surplus, whatever it was, has helped to swell the fund on which Great Britain now draws. An immense amount has been lent to foreign governments. Large sums have gone to purchase the bonds and stocks of our American railroads. Other sums are invested in private loans, in banking institutions, and in shares in various corporate undertakings. The result is that Great Britain stands to the rest of the world somewhat in the same relation that a pleasure resort like Newport does to the rest of this country. If accurate returns could be had of the merchandise carried to Newport every year, the dresses and furniture, the provisions, wines and fruits, the food for horses and cows, and the building materials employed in the construction of houses, and if the value of these were to be compared with those of the agricultural products and the manufactures sent out from the place, the balance of trade against it would be found to be far greater in proportion than that against Great Britain, and the explanation of it would be similar. Newport, like Great Britain, is the abiding place of rich men, whose wealth is invested elsewhere.

A precise computation of the foreign investments belonging to residents in Great Britain is, of course, impossible, since nothing short of an inspection of their private books and papers would furnish the necessary facts. A tolerably approximate estimate may, however, be arrived at in another way. As we have said, a great deal of British money has been lent to colonial and foreign governments, and to railroad, municipal and other corporations in the colonies and foreign countries, and a great deal has been invested in shares of companies formed for the purpose of carrying on industrial and commercial enterprises abroad. In Great Britain, as in this country, the ancient Roman institution of the collegium has developed into forms and been applied to purposes as various as they are novel, and the recent adoption there of our American principle of the limited liability of corporate shareholders has largely stimulated the adoption of this convenient method of combining the means of small investors into large aggregate amounts. And as all these various investments are constantly changing hands, the particulars of them have become known, and are accessible to the public. A brief and compact account of them is found in the London *Daily Stock and Share List*, a publication similar to our New York *Stock Exchange Quotation List*, only more thoroughly made up, and which appears on the afternoon of every business day. It furnishes a complete catalogue of all the securities dealt in on the London Stock Exchange, the amount of capital represented by each, the dividend or interest they yield, the prices bid and asked and the business done in them for the day. Some idea of the enormous extent of the field thus covered may be gained from the fact that the list is a sheet of four pages nearly as large as those of our daily New York newspapers, and contains the names and particulars of nearly 2000 securities. Compared with the New York list, it gives about 2½ times as many titles of stocks and bonds. It is an epitomized ledger of British stock and bond investments, and a summary of their amount. Supplemented by another useful publication, the *Stock Exchange Year Book*, published every December, it tells us a large part of what for our present purpose we need to know of the manner in which the British people invest their money abroad.

Directing our attention now to those portions of the list which relate to investments in the colonies and foreign countries, we had mentioned, first, Indian Government Securities, the interest on which is paid at the Bank of England, and the arrangements in regard to which are the same as for the national debt. These securities amount to \$68,000,000, the whole of which, it is safe to say, is held in Great Britain, and the rate of interest on which is for the most part 4 per cent. India has in addition a debt in rupee currency not dealt in on the Stock Exchange amounting to \$104,000,000, the interest on which averages 4 per cent., and of which probably two thirds, or \$70,000,000, belong to British holders.

Then come Colonial Government Securities, or loans made on their own account by British Columbia, Canada, Ceylon, Jamaica, New Zealand, Tasmania, Victoria and other British colonies, a portion of them being guaranteed by the mother country. These are all in sterling money, and the interest on them is paid in London. They amount to \$120,000,000, and bear on an average 5½ per cent. interest. All of these may be reckoned as belonging to residents in Great Britain, since the money was borrowed there originally, and the rate of interest paid is less than that which the colonists are accustomed to getting.

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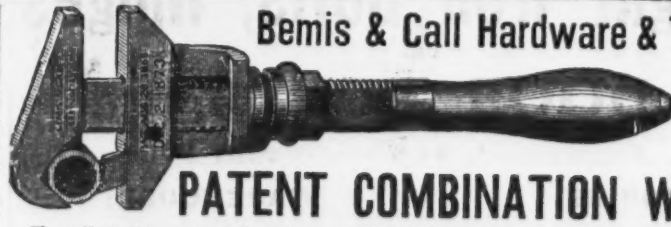


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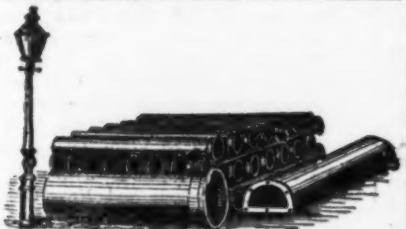
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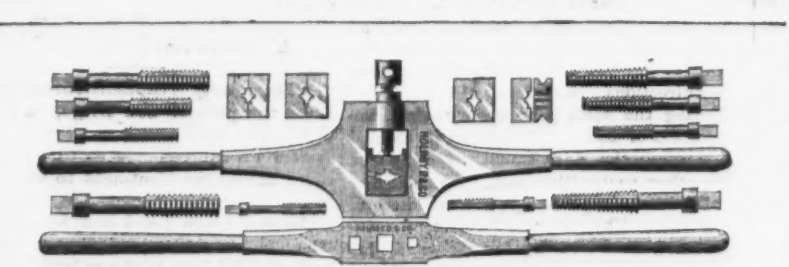
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After this, India railway stocks and bonds guaranteed by the Secretary of State for India in Council, are enumerated to the amount of £11,000,000, the interest on all of which, amounting on an average to over 4 per cent., is paid regularly by London agents to investors residing in the United Kingdom. Shares and debts of railways in British possessions, such as Canada, India and Tasmania, figure in the list for £117,000,000, and yield an average of 5 per cent. per annum. It is fair to estimate at least two-thirds of them, or say £80,000,000 as being held in Great Britain.

Telegraph companies operating cables and land lines, either partially in foreign territory, as the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, or wholly so like the Mediterranean, Black Sea, West India, and similar companies, represent a capital of £25,000,000, on which an average income of not less than 4 per cent. is earned abroad and paid to British capitalists.

Foreign railway stocks to the amount of £57,000,000 and foreign railway obligations to the amount of £40,000,000 come next, a few of which pay nothing, and others as much as 8 per cent. These are not, however, owned exclusively in Great Britain, but we may fairly set down at least £50,000,000 as held there, and the average income yielded by them as 4 per cent.

Next we find quoted American railroad bonds in sterling money, the interest on which is paid by London bankers. They amount to £75,000,000, the interest on nearly all being 6 per cent., and nearly the whole of them being held in Great Britain. Besides these, there are dollar bonds and shares, such as those of the New York Central, Erie and other railroad companies, to the amount of £175,000,000, of which certainly 20 per cent., or £35,000,000, are held in Great Britain, and pay on an average 6 per cent.

Besides all these, we have colonial and foreign mines, water and gas companies in Europe and in North and South America, loans of colonial and foreign municipalities like Quebec, Montreal, Boston, New York, Melbourne, Oamaru, Otago, and other places, tea and coffee plantation companies, asphalt companies, land companies, Suez and other canal shares, guano companies, sugar manufacturing, and countless similar enterprises. All of these taken together represent a capital at par of upward of £50,000,000 paying dividends and interest averaging not less than 5 per cent.

Putting the foregoing items together gives the following result:

| Investments. | Capital. | Rate. | Total Income. |
|---|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|
| India government securities | £68,000,000 | 4 | £2,720,000 |
| India rupee loans | 70,000,000 | 4 | 2,800,000 |
| Colonial government securities | 120,000,000 | 5 1/2 | 6,600,000 |
| Foreign stocks, interest paid in London | 370,000,000 | 5 1/2 | 20,350,000 |
| Other foreign stocks | 200,000,000 | 4 1/2 | 9,000,000 |
| India railway debentures | 11,000,000 | 4 | 440,000 |
| Colonial railway shares and bonds | 80,000,000 | 5 | 4,000,000 |
| Telegraph shares | 25,000,000 | 4 | 1,000,000 |
| Foreign railway shares | 50,000,000 | 4 | 2,000,000 |
| American railroad stocks and bonds | 110,000,000 | 6 | 6,600,000 |
| Mines and miscellaneous | 50,000,000 | 5 | 2,500,000 |
| Totals | £1,144,000,000 | | £58,010,000 |

Or, expressed in our currency, Great Britain has invested abroad in stocks and bonds a capital of \$5,700,000,000 and draws from it an annual revenue of \$290,000,000. This is exclusive of investments in stocks and bonds not dealt in on the London Stock Exchange, the amount of which it is useless to try to even guess at.

Deducting now, this £58,010,000 from the average annual balance against Great Britain of £80,000,000, there remains, say, £22,000,000 to be accounted for. A part of this is probably errors in estimating the stocks and bonds belonging to British holders, but much of it also represents the income of commercial capital employed in the United States and other countries. It is not unsafe to say that one-half of the money used in New York and other American cities in forwarding our exports, is that of British merchants and bankers, and the same thing is true of other countries; and if we follow the same rule that we did in regard to freights, and allow that three-fifths of the imports into Great Britain are made by the aid of British advances, and that the earnings on these advances at the port of export are 2 1/2 per cent., we shall have nearly £7,000,000 of income from this source. Private investments in bond and mortgage, in real estate in cities and in the country, and in various banking and manufacturing enterprises here and elsewhere, may be credited with £3,000,000 more, reducing the deficiency to be accounted for by £10,000,000, or to £12,000,000. This, as we have said, may be ascribed to errors in estimates, or it may represent capital withdrawn from abroad in addition to income. It is known that for three years past the United States has been paying off her foreign creditors by buying back the bonds, stocks and other evidences of debt which we so lavishly manufactured prior to 1873, and many of these have come to us from British holders; but whether they amount to as much as £12,000,000, or £60,000,000, a year for the past five years, is not so certain, and no other country than ours has been in a condition to pay its foreign debts to any considerable extent. On the other hand, it must

be remembered that the £12,000,000 in question represents only the balance of averages, and that the actual figures for the last few months are more favorable; that is to say, the imports are decreasing and the exports increasing. But, however this may be, the facts show that Great Britain is the chief creditor country of the world, and that all other countries have to pay her a tribute of many millions annually.

What to Do with the Telegraph Wires.

Mr. T. B. Dolittle, agent of the American Bell Telephone Company, has a plan for carrying the telegraph wires above ground, but in a more convenient and more ornamental way than at present. He claims that his system would add to the beauty of the city and to the profit of the various companies, which now suffer severely from the effects of destructive storms. His project is to bunch the wires, placing them in a box, insulated, running about the height of the first story along the curbstone, the box to be supported by light and elegant pillars. A certain proportion of those pillars would contain the screw cups, so that in the event of a breakage anywhere, it would be easy and economical to repair the damage by simply opening the door of the pillar and readjusting the broken wire or wires. These pillars might be utilized also for the support of lamps, and particularly for the electric light, should it come into use. The end section of the box containing the wires shows a triangle, in the sides of which are the pockets that hold the lines of the different companies. The coverings of the pockets overlap each other so as to carry off moisture or rain, and can be readily removed for the inspection of the interior. The base of the triangle (averaging 6 inches, 18 inches being required only in a few places where there is a greater congregation of conductors) is perforated for the purpose of permitting the escape of any water that might by some possibility get inside. The interior space might be made available for the insertion of a pneumatic dispatch tube. The street crossings Mr. Dolittle proposes to span by an arch of a proportion and design that would be beautiful to the eye, or, better still, to carry the wires under the crossings. By the latter method there would be no necessity to open up the roadway should a wire become broken, for in the pillars at the corners would be kept spare wires and an apparatus for withdrawing the damaged line and the insertion of the new. The service of wires to business places and public buildings, the appearance of which now makes the city so unsightly, would, says Mr. Dolittle, be simplified. After passing at right angles to the house, the wire would disappear from exterior view and be carried within the building to any story where required. Moreover, the structure containing the bunched wires could be used by storekeepers and others to attach their awnings to. In the matter of the telephone, the projector claims the great superiority of his system over that of the underground in this, that the telephone being used in almost every other store, should the owner remove to another neighborhood it would, by Mr. Dolittle's plan, be expeditious and cheap to cut the wire and reattach it to the new place of business, whereas, were it underground, both time and money would be expended in getting at the telephone conductor. The cost Mr. Dolittle roughly estimates at a million and a half.

The Latest Novelty in Marine Construction.

The North British Mail says: There was launched, March 3, at Messrs. Dobie's yard, the first of three steamers which form an entirely new departure in our commercial navy. The progress in Clyde shipbuilding lately has shown itself principally in an increase of size and power, but very little has been effected to render these immense steamers handier in crowded waters, or to provide for their safe navigation in case of injury to the single shaft and propeller through which the enormous powers now required have to be applied. The owners and designers of the Notting Hill, and her sister steamers the Tower Hill and the Ludgate Hill, now in the course of construction by the same builders, have adopted the twin-screw system, now invariably applied to the armed navies of the world, as they believe the modern transatlantic steamer has reached the dimensions which require the application of means that have, after long trial, been found to ensure speed, handiness and safety. The two screws at the stern of the Notting Hill will propel her 13 knots when laden, will enable her to turn round almost in her own length, and allow her entirely to dispense with her rudder if anything should disable it. Should an accident befall one set of engines, or shafting, or propeller, the remaining set will propel the vessel at a speed of 10 knots, the average of ocean going steamers.

The Notting Hill is built entirely of steel, and she will deliver a larger cargo on her draught than any steamer now running or building. Her between decks, ready fitted with side lights, would carry upward of a thousand steerage passengers, or a whole regiment of soldiers, upon the one deck. She has been specially surveyed by the Admiralty, and her eminent fitness will enable her to take a prominent place in the transport service. She is provided, under Admiralty direction, with coal armor for the protection of her engines and boilers, and with such a number of bulkheads, all extending to the upper deck, that the steamer, when loaded, will float even if one compartment is absolutely open to the sea.

No expense has been spared in carrying out the design thoroughly. Her crank shafts are of the latest improved built description, and of Vickers steel. Her propellers are of the same material, and with movable blades. She is fitted with instantaneous hydraulic starting gear that enables the movements of both propellers to be controlled at the same time by a mere child. She has Harrison's steam steering gear. Her boilers, to in number, with 20 furnaces, are of steel, made upon Turner's patent principle, which has excited so much attention and given such satisfactory results.

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own, rather than adopt inventions already known and thoroughly tested in foreign petroleum producing countries. Aside from the use now being made of petroleum as a fuel at the People's Gas Works in Jersey City, a yacht for Col. Delano, of New York, in which petroleum is to be used as fuel, will be launched near Rockland, Maine, in a few days. We shall doubtless have more satisfactory developments in this line at no distant day.

The Basic Process in the United States.

It was announced too late for our last issue that, on Friday last, what is popularly known as the Bessemer Association had availed itself of the option to purchase the patents owned by Mr. Thomas and his associates, covering the basic process for dephosphorizing iron. The price to be paid is \$275,000, in consideration of which sum the Bessemer Association secures the Thomas and Snelus patents for the United States, and all rights and privileges owned by Mr. Thomas and his associates so far as they relate to this country.

The basic process is no longer in an experimental stage, and sufficient idea of its value has already been gained to warrant us in saying that the Bessemer Association has made an exceedingly good bargain. If it in any respect realizes the reasonable expectations of those who have faith in it, the right to control its use in this country is worth a great deal more than it has been sold for. Mr. Thomas evidently made a mistake, in a business way, in committing himself so early to the gentleman who secured the option of purchasing his American rights. Had he conducted his business negotiations solely through his American agent, Mr. Geo. W. Maynard, he would have done much better for himself and possibly for others.

Whether we shall be able to congratulate any one connected with this negotiation remains to be seen. We first want to know what the Bessemer Association propose to do with it. We hear it rumored that it is not likely they will grant licenses to works not now represented in the association, unless well assured that the dephosphorized steel will not be brought into competition with steel from hematite irons. We are also informed that the Bessemer works will not be likely to take it up promptly or generally, and that the two concerns now putting up basic plant will be more disposed to play with the process than to work it seriously. We do not know that these rumors are warranted by the facts; but the Bessemer works are now so fully supplied with orders, and look forward to so satisfactory profits from a continuance of the present imperfect, though rapid, processes of rail production, that we can scarcely expect them to feel much present interest in the encouragement of a process which will so rapidly change and materially cheapen the production of ingot steel. We believe it would have been a great deal better had Mr. Thomas negotiated only for the sale of rights to individual works, giving the manufacturers of open-hearth steel an equal chance to benefit by his discovery. As it stands now, the miners of high grade hematite ores would soon have very little occasion to feel any alarm, or the transportation companies to entertain any expectations of softer and cheaper rails. These delays, should they occur, will be of great advantage to the manufacturers of puddled iron, who will probably have time to see what to expect before they are made to feel the serious competition with which they are now threatened. They would do well to watch the course of events abroad very carefully, as it is on the Continent that the first and most decisive developments may be looked for. As we noted last week, the new converters building or to be built to work the basic process, will add 800,000 tons to the ingot producing capacity of Europe. There are now twenty-eight converters working this process, having a capacity of say 200,000 tons, adding together say 1,000,000 tons capacity to the already large capacity for producing hematite steel. It is evident that all this capacity cannot be employed in producing steel for rails, and so much of the total product as is not so used must compete with iron. That iron can hold its own in this competition is scarcely probable. It cannot be wholly displaced, but the outlook for the manufactured iron trades is certainly gloomy. It is a good thing for our rolling mills that the Bessemer steel interest is so carefully guarded, and that business considerations may induce those who have secured the Thomas patents to follow, rather than lead, the march of a progress which threatens such serious changes.

The new Chilean minister to the United States, Don Marcial Martinez, says he is especially interested in the task of stimulating the commercial relations between the two countries. Chili, exhausted by a long and costly war, seeks the co-operation of the United States in recuperating her resources. Many of our manufactured goods, he says, as well as our natural products, will find a ready sale in Chilean markets, while the niter beds and guano deposits acquired from Peru by conquest will afford exhaustless supplies of fertilizers to be offered in exchange. Mr. Martinez, who appears fully to comprehend the necessities of his government, will find that his friendly overtures are warmly reciprocated.

Influx of Population.

The accession of population from the Old World through the coming season—particularly during the months of May, June and July—will undoubtedly surpass anything of the kind before witnessed in the United States. The Secretary of the Emigration Commissioners, at Castle Garden, places the total for the current year at not less than 500,000. The immigration is chiefly from Germany, where the stampede for America excites deep concern on the part of the government authorities, who are warmly advocating the imposition of a tax or some other measure that shall have a restrictive influence. The number of steerage passengers now arriving from German ports is unprecedented so early in the year. For example, the Servia, from Hamburg, on Monday landed at Castle Garden 1251 emigrants, and the Rotterdam, from Rotterdam, 398, while three English steamers which arrived at the same time brought 1210. We notice in the London Times by the last mail a column article relating to the movement of population from the United Kingdom, which now comprises a large proportion of well-to-do persons, representing the various trades as well as the agricultural classes, and it is observed that, taking the past year through, a decided preference is manifested for the United States as compared with the British colonies. The falling off in the number going to Australia is especially noteworthy. At one time, the editor confesses, some solicitude was felt as to whether the British Isles, with all their marvelous fecundity, could long endure such a drain on the brain and brawn of their comparatively narrow domain; but England, the writer would have us believe, is fully reconciled to the fact; indeed, the inference is justified that, on the whole, the riddance of a redundant population is a relief rather than otherwise.

The new impetus westward at the present time is attributed in no small degree to the extremely low rates recently offered to steerage passengers, as a result of the "railroad war" among our trunk lines, for the opportunity was eagerly availed of in New York by large numbers who purchased tickets to send over to their relatives abroad. The consequence to the steamship companies is that most of them are under contract for passenger transportation far in excess of their capacity, so that extra steamers, chartered for this purpose in some instances, will be put on during the height of the season. Under these circumstances the German lines have agreed upon an advance, to take place immediately. Tickets from Bremen and Hamburg to be put at \$24, and from Antwerp and Rotterdam at \$30. They are under the necessity, however, of honoring the large number of prepaid tickets sold at a reduction, many of them as low as \$15.

The Suez Canal and the Trade of British India.

The Secretary of British India has just published his statistical abstract relating to India's foreign trade during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1880—a valuable document, well deserving a close examination, inasmuch as it fully sets forth the importance of that country in a commercial and monetary sense. Since India has been provided with nearly 9000 miles of railroad and the Suez Canal has been opened, her domestic and foreign trade has developed at such an extraordinary rate, and English merchants, manufacturers and capitalists have been so much benefited by the growth of this greatest English possession across the seas, that England's material welfare is more than ever bound up with it, so much so that the solid interests expanding in those latitudes largely compensate for disappointments in other directions.

During the fiscal year under review, the proportion of India's foreign trade carried on through the Suez Canal, as compared with other routes (the Cape, &c.), has risen to 78 per cent., against 73 per cent. the previous year. The number of steamers arriving through and clearing for the canal was 1067 in 1879-80, against 941 in 1878-79, and from 1,426,957, in the latter year the tonnage rose to 1,603,769. While of late years the number of steamers through this route has varied comparatively little, their average tonnage has increased very materially, for from 1433 in 1875-76, it rose to 1507 in 1879-80. This goes to show that it pays better to send large steamers through the canal and pay the tolls thereon.

The government of India has been sensible enough to abolish gradually the export duties on products, and has shown therein more wisdom than Brazil, Cuba, and other countries exporting raw produce which has to compete abroad with similar products. Thus, since March last year, both indigo and shellac have ceased to pay an export duty, rice now remaining the only product besides opium which pays a tax on exportation.

The gross amount of import duties collected in 1879-80 was 39,760,000 rupees, against 39,600,000 the previous year. The bulk of import duties was collected on cotton goods and twist and on liquors; on the latter the duty paid shows a notable increase, on the former two a considerable decrease, due principally to the reduction of the duty on "grey goods" made from No. 30 twist and below.

Looking at India's trade from a provincial point of view, it is found that there has been an increase in the maritime provinces

generally. Madras has recovered very much, but has not yet reached its maximum in 1875-76; what increase there has been is due to new railway lines on the coast on the one hand, and the requirements of the troops carrying on war in Afghanistan. Bombay has increased more in the importation of specie and less so by virtue of more goods imported and exported. The trade movement in Bengal has been highly satisfactory in every respect.

The total import in 1879-80 was £51,000,000, against £43,000,000 the previous year, and the export £59,000,000, against £64,000,000. This shows an increase in total foreign trade of about 12 per cent. in a single year, which is considerable. The fact is that the year 1877-78 found India glutted with all sorts of goods, and the famine was an impediment in the way of a ready sale, whereas in 1878-79 prosperity returned, and although food, &c., was still high in price, the purchasing capacity of the people at large had sufficiently recuperated to facilitate the gradual absorption of stocks. Several financially weak merchant firms and banks failed in 1877-78, and business in 1878-79 was therefore all the sadder. During seven months of 1878-79 hostilities in Afghanistan had been suspended, causing a good deal of money which would otherwise have been required in that direction to revert to commerce.

India's increased value of exportation has been almost exclusively due to the rise in cotton and opium. The tea trade was much depressed, the receipts of linseed were extremely light, and the Bengal indigo crop the smallest for years; freights fluctuated a great deal; indeed, all circumstances militated against a large export, except the price of the two main articles above alluded to, which more than made up for shortcomings.

A most remarkable feature in 1879-80 was the extensive gold importation of £2,000,000, an increase of 30 per cent. as compared with the average of the preceding four years. There were exported of gold only £300,000. This large importation of gold is looked upon as a sign of prosperity, for the bulk of it is believed to be converted into jewelry. The net import of silver was £5,000,000, against £4,000,000 in 1877-78.

The only thing which has been causing some restlessness in India since the troubles in Afghanistan commenced, is that the finances of the country have been getting worse.

Since the foregoing was written a cable dispatch has been received from Calcutta, dated March 25, reading as follows:

Major Baring's financial statement for 1879-80 shows a deficit of £1,183,000. But for the war expenditure there would have been a surplus of £4,607,000. The deficit for the year 1880-81 is estimated at £2,450,000. In this year £2,000,000 contributed by England is reckoned as revenue, while the expenditure includes £4,000,000, which, under the old system, would have appeared in the following year's estimate; also cost of frontier rail ways and £11,500,000 war expenses. The surplus for the year 1881-82 is estimated at £2,555,000. This estimate includes as revenue £3,000,000 contributed by England, and among the expenditures £3,000,000 for expenses of the war and frontier railways, and £1,500,000 on account of the famine insurance fund, of which one-half is for protective works and one-half for the reduction of the sterling debt. The opium revenue is estimated at £6,000,000. The intention is announced of remitting home during the year 1881-82 the sum of £17,250,000, and of raising an Indian loan of £2,000,000. The annual expenditure upon reproductive public works will be hereafter limited to £2,500,000.

With the enormous resources of a country rising so fast there is, indeed, not much difficulty to be apprehended in regard to the finances, so soon as the Afghanistan affair shall have been settled in a manner not involving further heavy expenditure, a solution which, from all appearances, is not distant.

A Trans-Continental Scheme.

A large party of capitalists are planning to make the port of San Diego, in Southern California, the terminus of the southern system of railroads, so as to open a new route across the Continent to the Atlantic coast. Intimately connected with this project is the San Diego Land and Iron Company, who have secured 40,000 acres of land, one-half of which goes to the railroad company. The latter have also obtained large grants of land at San Diego, comprising two valuable plots on the harbor front for terminal purposes. The object, it is stated, is to make San Diego, the only natural harbor on the Pacific coast south of San Francisco, from which it is distant about 500 miles, and whose advantages have long been recognized, the Pacific Ocean terminus for the southern system of trans-continental roads, affording a route between the two oceans some 400 miles shorter than by way of San Francisco. The improved harbor, moreover, is regarded as offering far greater facilities for the Southern Pacific commerce, being some 500 miles nearer to the principal shipping ports, while it commands equal advantages for China, Japan and the Sandwich Island trade. Until these remote connections shall have been established, the projectors of the enterprise look to the large local traffic which will spring up in the interior along the line of the road. The new line, starting from San Diego, takes a north-easterly direction, crossing some half dozen river valleys, among them those of the San Dieguito, San Luis Rey, Margarita and Santa Anna rivers, each of which is said to be capable of sustaining a large population engaged in orchard and vine culture, and for the establishment of which schemes are now contemplated and in progress.

The Southern Pacific will be crossed in the vicinity of Colton, and the connection with the Atlantic and Pacific will be made at some point between the Colorado and the Pacific. The harbor of San Diego is capacious, well sheltered, and vessels entering can carry 24 feet over the bar at low water. The leading spirit in these movements is said to be Mr. Thos. Nickerson, now president of the Atlantic and Pacific. Altogether the project of a new trans-continental route looks quite formidable, and San Francisco may find that she has a rival in the trade of the Pacific Ocean, but her citizens do not as yet betray any alarm.

The Course of Trade.

A few years ago the railroads monopolized so large a share of freight transportation that the natural water-courses, on which produce was borne to the sea, became almost deserted. But of late vigorous efforts are making by those interested in water transportation to recover the loss, and divert, so far as possible, the enormous traffic now controlled by the trunk lines of railway. New York merchants at last manifest symptoms of alarm, as was seen in the expressions of their meeting at the Produce Exchange last Monday. But there is not complete unanimity as to the chief source of danger; and some, it may be from motives of policy, disguise their real grounds of apprehension. Mr. A. R. Gray, who offered a set of resolutions in favor of free canals in this State, said: "Rival seaboard cities, by the lavish use of capital, and by availing of all the resources of engineering skill, have gone far toward neutralizing the geographical advantages of our State, and toward wresting from us the traffic in the product of the great West. Canada, in the pursuance of an enlightened public policy, and by vast expenditures, has nearly completed the improvement of the Welland Canal, which will be ready for operation in a few months; and last, though not least, the Mississippi and New Orleans route now looms up as one of our most formidable competitors."

Here the speaker touches upon both points of danger, which others do not always see. It can hardly be said, however, that the leading railroad managers fail to take in the entire situation; for this year Commissioner Fink, the "pool plenipotentiary," announces a sweeping reduction in rates of freight from Chicago to the East, although the rates that prevailed this winter were 5 cents lower per 100 pounds than the highest rates that prevailed one year ago, as follows:

| | Provisions | Grain |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Buffalo and Suspension Bridge..... | 30 | 17 1/2 |
| Albany, Troy, &c..... | 30 | 27 |
| New York..... | 35 | 30 |
| Boston..... | 40 | 35 |
| Providence..... | 45 | 40 |
| Bridgeport and New Haven..... | 45 | 35 |
| Philadelphia..... | 35 | 25 |
| Baltimore..... | 34 | 27 |
| Washington..... | 34 | 37 |

Remark upon this reduction (which, however, occurs with the regularity of the seasons), the Chicago Tribune says the competition of Jay Gould's barge lines on the Mississippi has had much to do with keeping down rail rates this season, and that a great deal of business is being diverted by this means to New Orleans. We believe those overrate the importance of the Erie Canal, relatively, who ascribe the action of Commissioner Fink wholly to the expected opposition from this quarter. Merchants are only beginning to be aroused to a full apprehension of the situation. The railroads and canals can even afford to make common cause in a grand effort to retain the trade which now reaches the seaboard at New York. Mr. Gray, of the Produce Exchange, quoted above, recognizes the emergency, when he says: "It had been customary in meetings held in the past to speak in opposition to the railroads, but this talk should now cease. The interests of the railroads and of the canals are identical. The one great question before them both is, 'how can we retain the traffic of the West—how can we increase it!'"

The argument in favor of free canals now comes home with redoubled force.

The public are promised almost immediately a full exposition of all that pertains to the trichine parasite from an authoritative source. Dr. Glazier has prepared a work on this subject, made up largely from French and German data, which is now going through the press. It is satisfactory to know that this investigation was instituted two years ago by the United States government, and was not prompted by the alarm recently sounded in Europe.

Colonel James, Postmaster-General, while in this city last week, expressed the intention of providing for at least ten deliveries daily in the "free-delivery system," instead of seven as at present, and this change will take effect in all the principal cities. He also contemplates the organization of a Post-office Savings Bank, based on the British system, the rate of interest to be so low as to avoid competition with other institutions.

A member of the Parliament at Ottawa, Mr. J. P. Wisner, who is now in this city, says the Canadians are much dissatisfied with the existing tariff, which imposes a duty of 40 to 50 per cent. on American manufactures, and that the vote of the farmers, who hold the balance of power,

A Russian engineer of some reputation, named Stephen Goulshamburoff, who is now visiting this country with reference to the petroleum product and its uses, expresses surprise on finding that here we are using "the same kinds of fuel as in gone-by times," when in the Caucasus, which is far isolated from modern civilization, petroleum has been exclusively used as fuel for locomotives and steamers for the last twelve years. He is astonished to see that American engineers are trying to invent some superior mechanical contrivances of their

will certainly overthrow the present government in the next election. This is a matter on which opinions differ widely.

Mr. Joseph Wharton, of Philadelphia, has led the way in a very important undertaking, which deserves the sympathy and encouragement of all those who have at heart the best interests of the country. He has founded the "Wharton School of Finance and Economy," as an adjunct to the University of Pennsylvania, by contributing \$100,000 in 6 per cent. bonds. Mr. Wharton has strong convictions on the great questions of finance and political economy, which are such a fruitful subject of discussion, and his aim is to afford to able young men the opportunity to study them from a point of view which he believes is most likely to advance the prosperity of this country and insure the continued welfare of its manufacturing industries. Mr. Wharton, while leaving matters of detail to future organization, has broadly outlined the principles which are to guide the instructors in their work. In finance the doctrine that a hard money basis is the only sound and safe one is to be taught, while the value and necessity of a protective tariff in creating and fostering productive industries will be thoroughly discussed by the instructor on commerce and industry. The plan is comprehensive and appropriate in other respects also, and we trust that the movement will do much to advance a proper consideration of the great and fundamental principles of our present laws and strengthen the hands of its advocates.

At the present time, when the actual condition of the British iron trade is of the greatest interest, and its course in the near future is a subject of much anxious thought, not alone in England, but also in this country, full statistics of last year's production are of exceptional value. It has always been a source of regret that the official statistics of the British iron trade were collected so tardily that when they were made public much of their practical interest had been lost. Under the auspices of the British Iron Trade Association, their secretary, Mr. J. S. Jeans, has succeeded in effecting an important change. In his report for 1880, recently received, he has collected a mass of valuable data, from which we take the following for the present, leaving a more detailed discussion for the early future. The blast furnaces of Great Britain produced during the year 1880 as much as 7,721,833 gross tons of pig iron, against 6,009,434 tons the year previous. The enormous speculative demand created by our "boom" may be looked upon as justifying this unexampled expansion, but with a contraction of our requirements to present limits, and no prospect whatever of a renewal of our demand, a continuation of this rate of production is suicidal. It must prove of serious injury to British iron makers and is a continued threat to our own. The sooner this fact is fully realized, both abroad and in this country, the better for both. Though the Bessemer steel industry has witnessed an expansion almost equal to that of the pig-iron manufacture, its position is at the present moment more favorable. The output of the British Bessemer works during the year 1880 almost equaled that of our own, the make having been 1,044,382 gross tons in 1880, against 834,511 in the preceding year. Of rails, 739,910 gross tons were turned out in 1880, against 519,718 tons in 1879, the figures indicating that a larger proportion of the make of ingot steel was used for that specialty than formerly.

Mr. Sydney G. Thomas, at the dinner tendered him in New York April 1, told a very good story which will bear repetition. His first and, at that time, his only visit to an American works was one made the day before to the steel works at Troy. Naturally Mr. Thomas was much interested at what he saw there of the American Bessemer practice, and found much occasion to regret that his visit was so brief. When the time came to leave he remarked to Mr. A. L. Holley that he would like nothing better than to sit down on an ingot mould and watch the working of the mill for a week, to which Mr. Holley replied that if he wanted an ingot mould cool enough to sit on he would have to send to England for it. Mr. Thomas thought this very cruel satire, and professed himself quite unable to understand why his repetition of the conversation was received with hilarity, instead of with expressions of sympathy.

A lamentable sequence to the Chili-Peruvian war is the destruction of sugar-houses, machinery, &c., in the fertile valleys lying back of the Peruvian coast. The miscreants thus engaged are practical nihilists, who are not actuated merely by a desire for plunder, but seek to exterminate life and reduce the country to a wilderness. Some 2000 Chinamen, slaughtered in cold blood, are among their victims. The losses already amount to millions of dollars.

A fleet of French gunboats is under construction in San Francisco for service at the Tahiti station, and the first was launched a few days ago in the presence of the French consul. She is called the Nukahiva, measures 64 feet on the keel and

will register 75 tons. Her armament will be put on board at Tahiti. A second steamer will be launched on the 20th inst.

The World's Fair Commission have decided that if they do not get \$3,000,000 by April 15th they will need no president; which reduces the subject to a very simple question.

The Determination of Manganese in Steel.

To the Editor of The Iron Age.—DEAR SIR: I have read the various letters in The Iron Age on "chemists" and the "value of chemical analysis" with much care, and as a "chemist" and a "specialist" I am particularly interested in the views of the metallurgists. If these gentlemen, from want of practice (for, if not so now, they have been analysts), can no longer make an exact chemical analysis, they can certainly appreciate the value of one when they get it, and put it to its best use when they know it. If it is to the advantage of the metallurgist to get accurate results, it is equally to the advantage of the chemist to furnish him with them; and if this be so, whose fault is it that so many misleading analyses bring discredit to the one and loss to the other? The individual fault is that of the chemist; the general cause lies with the metallurgist. So long as the latter considers that little preparation and less knowledge are required to make a chemist, so long will he have a large percentage of inaccurate results; for the rewards offered to a man to remain a chemist being low, the best men will leave chemistry and seek some field where skill and intelligence are better rewarded and more highly appreciated. The length of time required to make a good chemist depends more on the man than on either his opportunities or his experience; but I think I may venture to assert that no man who does not understand theoretical chemistry, who does not know the reason for anything that he does and is not familiar with the chemical reactions at every stage of a method, can be a good and accurate analyst. His work may go smoothly for a time, but the first unexpected thing will upset him, and his employer will be certainly pay for his experience as if he paid a higher salary for a better man. Besides skill and knowledge, I know of no profession which requires more fidelity and conscientiousness than analytical chemistry, and if these qualities, joined to intelligence, skill, knowledge and aptitude, cannot find an adequate reward in the laboratory they will seek and find it elsewhere, and the metallurgist will get what he pays for, and that will not be accurate chemical analysis. If, on the one hand, "works" chemists are poorly paid, commercial chemists are equally so, and a man's reputation as a skilled and honest analyst goes for little with most men against a lower charge from a little known or untried competitor.

However, I wish to say a few words on the special subject of manganese. In Mr. Kent's letter, which I have read with great pleasure, I find that he seems to consider borings taken at different times from the same plate, or even from the same heat, as constituting part of the same sample. I cannot agree with him in this respect, for I have frequently found very appreciable differences as regards the percentage of manganese in different parts of the same bar or plate, and I think that, in fairness to the chemist, they should have had portions from the same lot of well-mixed drillings. I do not, of course, believe that the larger differences shown there can be due to want of homogeneity in the samples, but I think it highly probable that some of the smaller may be, and I regret extremely that any doubt can thus be thrown on the experiment.

It is only fair to the chemists that they should have proper samples to work on, and too much care cannot be taken to insure absolute identity and uniformity in such samples as may be used to check a chemist's work, either by his own results or those of some one else.

The following analyses, made on samples taken from the opposite ends of bars of Bessemer steel 6 feet long, will illustrate my meaning. The determinations were made by myself with the utmost care. They were checked in many cases by duplicate determinations, made after a lapse of some time. These latter were found to agree within a few thousandths of 1 per cent. with the former results:

| PER CENT. OF MANGANESE. | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--|
| No. of bar. | End A. | End B. | |
| 7..... | 0.213 | 0.217 | |
| 8..... | 0.245 | 0.214 | |
| 9..... | 0.212 | 0.221 | |
| 10..... | 0.209 | 0.228 | |
| 11..... | 0.282 | 0.228 | |
| 12..... | 0.262 | 0.238 | |
| 13..... | 0.173 | 0.101 | |

The phosphorus and the carbon in the two ends never varied more than four or five thousandths of one per cent.

There are several sources of error in the methods ordinarily used for the estimation of manganese, which is at best a very troublesome and difficult element to determine. The first of these is in weighing the precipitate of Mn_2O_3 , which is liable to contain not only Fe_2O_3 , but also $NaCl$ if sodic carbonate and acetate is used to separate the iron and manganese.

The second is, when the bromine precipitate of manganic oxide is redissolved and the manganese precipitated as ammoniacal manganic phosphate, for unless the manganic oxide is carefully separated from a little ferric oxide that will nearly always be found with it, this will vitiate the result by a varying and unknown quantity. The first source of error can best be avoided by not using the method of weighing as Mn_2O_3 , at all, but redissolving the manganic oxide and determining it as phosphate. The second, by treating the manganic oxide with HCl diluted with an aqueous solution of SO_2 , which causes its very rapid solution. After evaporating the solution nearly to dryness and oxidizing any iron which may be present by a drop or two of bromine water and boiling off all excess of bromine, the Fe_2O_3 may be precipitated by ammonia, nearly all small of the latter boiled off, the solution filtered and the oper-

ation repeated several times to get every trace of manganese out of the Fe_2O_3 . The filtrate should be evaporated to small bulk after adding solution of microcosmic salt and slightly acidulating the solution, and the manganese precipitated by ammonia as ammoniacal manganic phosphate. When this has become crystalline the solution should be allowed to stand until perfectly cold, and then filtered and washed with cold water. This is troublesome and takes time, but it is accurate. The course of this age is its hurry; everything must be done rapidly, and if a driven "iron chemist," or a starving commercial "specialist," takes short cuts across a method and his employer's interests, he is more sinned against than sinning.

I have tried Mr. Ford's method, and, so far, have found it very accurate if the last traces of Fe_2O_3 be carefully separated. If the tests to which I am now having it subjected are satisfactory, I shall certainly adopt it. Mr. Ford, by the way, owes his method to Mr. J. B. Hanney, F. R. S. E., whose admirable little paper on a "New Manganese Reaction," *Journal of the Chemical Society*, vol. xxxiii, p. 289 (Transactions 1878), will well repay perusal. He shows that the Fe_2O_3 , carried down with the manganic oxide in a strong nitric acid solution, is due to the formation of a double manganate of iron and manganese, and not to mechanical action. He, curiously enough, attempts to use the reaction as a means of separating iron and alumina, but never thinks of applying it to the separation of small amounts of manganese from large amounts of iron. Thanks to Mr. Ford, it bids fair to aid the "iron chemist" to shorten a very long process; and, if they will only be content to put on one end a part of what they are able to take off the other, it may give Mr. Kent a portion of his desire—correct percentages of manganese in his steel.

Yours truly, ANDREW A. BLAIR.
NEWPORT, R. I., March 23, 1881.

Specialists and Generalists.

To the Editor of The Iron Age.—DEAR SIR: Your very flattering invitation, to have me publish my methods of steel analyses in your valuable paper, was received this morning. I regret very much that I am compelled to decline, because of a very serious trouble with my eyes, which forbids their use in either writing or reading. I would say, in regard to the analyses of steel, that there are a number of methods of equal efficacy if intelligently executed. But I would not prescribe any special method for particular individuals. There should not be such large discrepancies as your correspondent Mr. Kent describes, whatever the methods, as many roads lead to Rome. I have had occasion to have analyses made of the same substance by a number of good chemists, and always with, practically, the same results—and I feel positive that no two of their methods were strictly alike, and some were radically different. I entirely disagree with Mr. Kent's idea that chemists should be merely mechanical imitators of others. I would offset his illustration of a bookkeeper, by saying that one would not apply to a lawyer's copyist to develop an intricate lawsuit, or to a compositor setting Greek for commentaries on the classics. I don't mean to say that there are not ignorant chemists whose experience has made them accurate in one particular branch; but I hold, with Prof. Wurtz, that a specialist should be a generalist. For my part, I have never regretted the time that I gave to organic chemistry, although I have never utilized it in my subsequent experience. I think it is very easy for clear-headed business men to distinguish between good and bad chemists; for, fortunately, their blunders are not buried like those of doctors.

Thanking you very heartily for your courteous letter, I am, very respectfully,
Yours, A. WENDEL.
TROY, N. Y., March 31, 1881.

Protection Practically Considered.

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, March 20, 1881.

To the Editor of The Iron Age.—DEAR SIR: I think you will agree with me that the only principle involved in the doctrine of "Protection," or a protective tariff, is simply that of self-preservation. In the United States protection is the better, as it gives "the greatest good to the greatest numbers." The same rule applies to France, while in England it is quite another thing. There, on account of certain conditions of things, free trade gives her people "the greatest good to the greatest numbers." This rule of protection can as properly be applied to contiguous nationalities, where the existing conditions admit of it, as to countries under one government. The German Zollverein, or Protective League, adopted by the several governments which now make up the German Empire some years since, is a case in point, where the benefits resulting to their people are so well recollected that it is unnecessary to repeat them.

Where the products of two or more countries lying contiguous are required by each other, and, from natural causes or otherwise, the one cannot produce what the other does, and vice versa, an absolutely free interchange of commodities will give "the greatest good to the greatest number." Where such conditions exist, and a commercial arrangement can be made to permit of such free interchange, it would seem eminently wise and proper to do it.

It occurs to me that the foregoing suggestions will apply most advantageously to the United States and Mexico. Their territories lie contiguous to each other, being separated by an imaginary line only, nearly 3000 miles long. The natural products of Mexico, with the exception of that part of the United States which immediately adjoins it, are entirely different from those of this country, and with scarcely an exception are all eagerly sought after and used by our people.

Under the wise and liberal policy recently adopted by Mexico of inviting capital, skill and energy to extend our system of railroads into that country, those products will be largely increased. It is not necessary to enumerate them here, for they are quite well understood by every one who has given the subject even a superficial examination. That an export traffic from Mexico to this

country of one or two hundred millions annually, would in a short time grow up under the arrangement above indicated, I have no doubt.

Mexico is not a manufacturing country, and with the want of education and general intelligence among the masses of her people, it will require a long series of years with them, as it has with us, to reach a state of efficiency in that line sufficient to supply their requirements; consequently, there can be no doubt a very large market for the thousand and one varieties of manufactured articles produced in this country would be opened by such an interchange of traffic.

As regard the details of carrying out these suggestions between the two countries, it occurs to me it would be quite feasible, after the adoption of the principle should be agreed upon. Something like this, it appears to me, might be done by treaty:

1. Let the two countries levy a uniform rate of duties on all imports from other countries.

2. Abolish all custom houses on the dividing line between the two countries, thus making the interchange of all commodities between them absolutely free.

3. In order to prevent unfairness in the collection of such duties, let each government place its own representative at every port in both countries where duties are to be collected, for the purpose of seeing that the law or treaty is strictly adhered to.

This, of course, would involve some expense, but there is no doubt the benefits that would arise would so far outweigh it that it would not be worth mentioning. I am well aware this is a subject of very large proportions, yet I am so fully impressed with its importance that I think it well deserves the careful attention of those in authority in both countries. Very truly yours, &c.,
AN ILLINOIS FARMER.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

A SYSTEM OF INSTRUCTION IN QUANTITATIVE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS. By Dr. C. RUDOLPH FRESENIUS. Edited by O. D. ALLEN, Ph. D., and SAMUEL W. JOHNSON, M. A., of the Sheffield Scientific School. Published by Messrs. Wiley & Sons, New York.

Fresenius' text-books on analytical chemistry are so well and so generally known, as there is hardly a laboratory in Europe or in this country where they are not constantly referred to, that it is quite unnecessary to speak of their merits in general. The appearance of the second American edition will, therefore, be hailed with satisfaction by the majority of chemists, as the last one is as old as 1869. Profs. Allen and Johnson, in bringing out the new one, have taken an important step by abandoning the old nomenclature and adopting the new. This will no doubt be generally approved as judicious and timely. The rising generation of chemists, for whom the work is primarily intended, are not so familiar with the old nomenclature as those who have been taught under it, and who have long accepted and adopted the new one. The change will, therefore, be probably welcome to all. In preparing this new edition, the editors have largely followed the last German and English editions, but they have in some instances omitted portions, while in others they have amplified or added matter of their own. The general plan, of course, remains the same, and the methods of determination and separation are altered only in detail. It is in the special part that the editors possessed and have exercised their functions, and it is particularly with reference to metallurgical chemistry that the work has been elaborated. Special, though brief, chapters have been prepared on the assay of copper, lead, nickel and cobalt ores and products, and many pages have been devoted to the analysis of iron ores, pig and steel. They do not, of course, go into details so minutely as the papers and essays on the determination of carbon, phosphorus, sulphur, &c., of which current metallurgical literature can boast of such numbers, yet to many they will prove valuable and suggestive.

FIELD ENGINEERING. By William H. SEARLES, C. E. Published by Messrs. Wiley & Sons, New York.

With a view to presenting to engineers, as well as to beginners, a ready book for reference, and at the same time offer a manual for guidance in organizing and carrying out work in the field, Mr. Searles has, in a compendious form, placed before the profession the hand-book before us. It is divided almost equally into two parts, the first of which is a brief treatise on field engineering, while the second is a collection of tables, which are an indispensable companion of every engineer. Mr. Searles treats quite elaborately such topics as the maximum economy in grades, simple and compound curves and turnouts, discussing them in such a way that an elementary knowledge of algebra and trigonometry is all that is required. By numerous examples, the beginner is aided at every step. His chapters on construction and the calculation of earthwork will be very welcome to many. Naturally, the bulk of the work is a compilation, the main value of which lies in the convenience of arrangement and the clearness with which it is presented, so as to be accessible without tedious search and readily comprehended even by those of the profession whose school knowledge has become rusty. In both respects Mr. Searles appears to have been successful. He has, besides, introduced new problems suggested by practical experience, and has added to the usual tables given in every work of this class a number of new ones which will meet with appreciation.

In connection with recent publications relative to an alleged undervaluation of iron imported into Canada by the firm of Clarke, Reeves & Co., we are authorized to state that the merchant appraisers at Ottawa, to whom the question was referred, disagreed in their conclusions. One of them, Mr. John Taylor, of Montreal, a business man of high repute, and agent in Canada of the Edge Moor Iron Co., in a well-digested report, fully sustained the rate at which the iron had been entered. The other appraiser, a Mr. Fleck, recommended an increase in the valuation. The arbitrator, under the Canadian Statute, in such cases was the Collector of Customs, who receives a percentage of the amount of any penalty exacted, as the result

of an additional duty imposed. His report coincided with that of Mr. Fleck. (It is a significant circumstance, in this connection, that within a week after public notice of the action of this officer, the Dominion Parliament repealed the provision above mentioned.) From the decision of a tribunal thus constituted, Clarke, Reeves & Co. have appealed to the Treasury Board, a council composed of the Ministers of Customs, Justice, Finance and Inland Revenue, where, it is safe to assume, their case will receive a fair and impartial consideration. The evidence upon which the adverse decision is claimed to have been based, and which will now be subjected to a quasi-judicial scrutiny, has been examined by eminent counsel, who have advised the firm that it fully sustains the valuation at which they entered the iron for duty.

The Dinner to Sydney Gilchrist Thomas.

On Friday evening, April 1st, Mr. Sydney Gilchrist Thomas was the guest of his American friends at a dinner served at Delmonico's. The party assembled at 6-30 p. m., and after half an hour of delightful social intercourse were ushered into the dining room and took their seats at a very elegantly furnished table. Mr. A. S. Hewitt presided, Mr. Thomas sitting at his right and Mr. Jas. A. Burden at his left. The other gentlemen present were: Mr. Eckley B. Cox, Dr. Thos. M. Drown, Mr. John Bogart, Mr. J. C. Bayles, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Newton, Mr. Frost, Prof. R. H. Thurston, Mr. B. G. Clarke, Mr. Toucey, Mr. Chas. McDonald, Mr. John Fritz, Mr. W. G. Hamilton, Mr. W. B. Crocker, Mr. A. Carnegie, Mr. Brendlinger, Prof. Geo. W. Maynard, Mr. Bunker, Mr. A. L. Holley, Mr. Lenox Smith, Mr. Cyrus Butler, Mr. L. G. Lawrence, Mr. L. B. Moore, Mr. M. N. Forney, Mr. R. Hunt, Mr. D. S. Hines, Mr. E. D. Leavitt, Mr. I. Chantre, Mr. Edward Cooper, Mr. D. Van Nostrand, Dr. R. W. Raymond, Mr. A. W. Humphreys, Mr. S. W. Baldwin, Mr. H. Kobbe, Mr. G. A. Crocker, Mr. Chester Griswold, Mr. R. L. Fowler and Dr. C. F. Chandler.

With the cigars and candles began what, since the Philadelphia dinner of the Institute of Mining Engineers, has been known as the "afterglow." Mr. Hewitt called the company to order and delivered a very entertaining speech, full of fun and bristling with points. Notwithstanding the whiteness of his hair and beard, giving him a venerable appearance, Mr. Hewitt delights to play the boy, and sparkles on such occasions as this with what has been called the "corruscations of juvenility." He introduced Mr. Thomas, who spoke long and well—better, if we may say it, than was expected by those who know his diffidence and modesty. He acknowledged the honor conferred upon him in being the guest of such a company, generously claimed for others a share of the credit which had been awarded him, and indulged in much pleasant humor, which was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Edward Cooper responded to the toast of "The City of New York"; Mr. Andrew Carnegie, "The Great West"; Dr. C. F. Chandler, "The School of Mines"; Prof. R. H. Thurston, "The American Society of Mechanical Engineers"; Prof. G. W. Maynard, "The Birthday of the Basic Process"; Mr. John Bogart, "The Civil Engineers"; Mr. J. C. Bayles, "The Technical Press"; Dr. R. W. Raymond, "The American Institute of Mining Engineers." The dinner and "afterglow" lasted until midnight, and were greatly enjoyed by those who participated.

Corporate Power in New Jersey.—The Anti-Monopoly League, of Jersey City, have taken bold ground against the alleged encroachments of corporations. They declare that the railroads have literally taken possession of the municipality, and are to-day occupying city real estate to the amount of \$60,000,000, upon which they do not pay a cent of tax, at the same time that they have the full benefit of the fire, police and water departments, which are maintained by the citizens at a heavy annual cost. As a consequence of this state of things they further say the municipality is on the verge of actual bankruptcy; that real estate is rapidly depreciating, at a time when in other communities it is steadily advancing; that people who have property are selling it for what they can get for it, in order to leave the place altogether, and, last but not least, all attempts heretofore to compel these great corporations to assume their fair share of the public burdens has been defeated by their paid agents in the Legislature. What they propose, now, is to organize a taxpayers' party, outside of the political organizations, and to keep up a persistent agitation until justice is obtained. The League includes most of the prominent citizens of the place, and not a few of them are men of wealth and position. The railroad people, in defense, say that the rapidly extending business of the great corporations, in the course of a few years, will absorb the whole of Jersey City, which is wanted for store-houses, elevators, repair shops, depots, trackage, &c., and that it would be unjust to compel them to pay taxes now for property which they will be compelled to purchase at a heavy outlay by-and-by. The roads which thus intersect the city are the Jersey Central, Pennsylvania, Erie, Greenwood Lake, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Morris and Essex and Northern.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Commissioners have decided to construct an elevated railroad from the Brooklyn end of the bridge to the Long Island Railroad depot at Atlantic avenue, and to construct from there to East New York a surface road.

Hardware and machinery from the United States are well represented at the Matanzas Exhibition, which opened on the 3d inst. These constitute the principal features in the exhibits sent from this country.

The action of William S. Williams to prevent telegraph consolidation is set down by Judge Speir, of the Superior Court, for the 18th inst.

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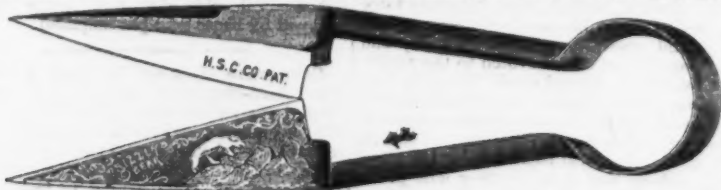
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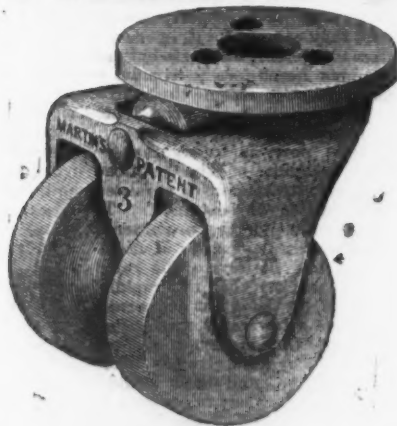
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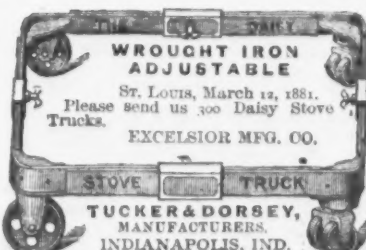
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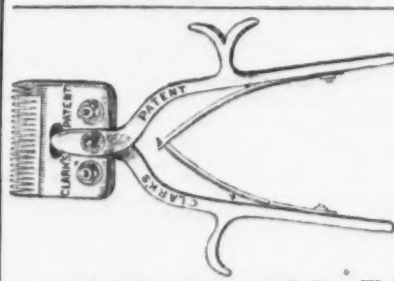
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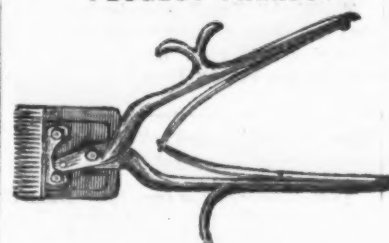
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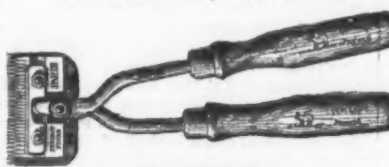
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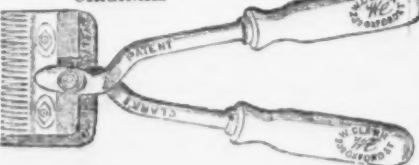
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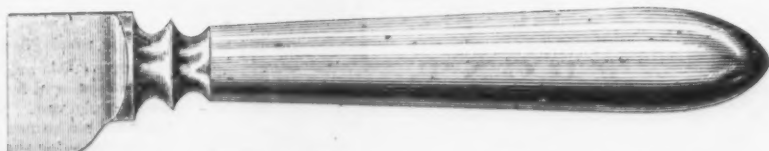
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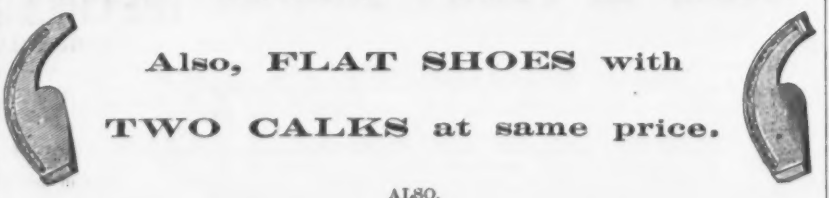


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The Standard Oil Company.

Mr. H. D. Lloyd, in a paper contributed to the *Atlantic Monthly*, says:
Very few of the 40,000,000 of people in the United States who burn kerosene know that its production, manufacture and export, its price at home and abroad, has been controlled for years by a single corporation—the Standard Oil Company. This company began in a partnership, in the early years of the civil war, between Samuel Andrews and John Rockefeller. Rockefeller had been a bookkeeper in some interior town in Ohio, and had afterward made a few thousand dollars by keeping a flour store in Cleveland. Andrews had been a day laborer in refineries, and so poor that his wife took in sewing. He found a way of refining by which more kerosene could be got out of a barrel of petroleum than by any other method, and set up for himself a ten-barrel still in Cleveland, by which he cleared \$500 in six months. Andrews' still and Rockefeller's savings have grown into the Standard Oil Company. It has a capital, nominally \$3,500,000, but really much more, on which it divides among its stockholders every year millions of dollars of profits. It has refineries at Cleveland, Baltimore and New York. Its own acid works, glue factories, hardware stores, and barrel shops supply it with all the accessories it needs in its business. It has bought land at Indianapolis on which to erect the largest barrel factory in the country. It has drawn its check for \$1,000,000 to suppress a rival. It buys 30,000 to 40,000 barrels of crude oil a day, at a price fixed by itself, and makes special contracts with the railroads for the transportation of 13,000,000 to 14,000,000 barrels of oil a year. The four quarters of the globe are partitioned among the members of the Standard combinations. One has the control of the China trade; another that of some country of Europe; another that of the United States. In New York, you cannot buy oil for East Indian export from the house that has been given the European trade; reciprocally, the East Indian house is not allowed to sell for export to Europe. The Standard produces only one-fiftieth or sixtieth of our petroleum, but dictates the price of all, and refines nine-tenths. Circulars are issued at intervals by which the price of oil is fixed for all cities of the country, except New York, where a little competition survives. Such is the indifference of the Standard Oil Company to railroad charges that the price is made the same for points so far apart as Terra Haute, Chicago and Keokuk. There is not to-day a merchant in Chicago, or in any other city in the New England, Western or Southern States, dealing in kerosene, whose prices are not fixed for him by the Standard. But in all cases these prices are graded so that a merchant in one city cannot export to another. Chicago, Cincinnati or Cleveland is not allowed to supply the tributary towns. That is done by the Standard itself, which runs oil in its own tank cars to all the principal points of distribution. This corporation has driven into bankruptcy, or out of business, or into union with itself, all the petroleum refineries of the country except five in New York, and a few of little consequence in Western Pennsylvania. Nobody knows how many millions Rockefeller is worth. Current gossip among his business acquaintance in Cleveland puts his income last year at a figure second only, if second at all, to that of Vanderbilt. His partner, Samuel Andrews, the poor English day laborer, retired years ago with millions. Just who the Standard Oil Company are, exactly what their capital is, and what are their relations to the railroads, nobody knows except in part. Their officers refused to testify before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the late New York Railroad Investigating Committee, and a committee of Congress. The New York committee found there was nothing to be learned from them, and was compelled to confess its inability to ascertain as much as it desired to know "of this mysterious organization, whose business and transactions are of such a character that its members declined giving a history or description lest their testimony be used to convict them of crime."—H. D. Lloyd, in *March Atlantic*.

Proposed Iron Works in British Columbia.

The Victoria (B. C.) *Standard* says: The smelting works erected at Irondale, near Port Townsend, for the purpose of testing the practicability of making good iron from the bog iron ore of Puget Sound, combined with the magnetic ore of Texada Island, are now in operation, and the result of the first workings is very favorably reported on by a Puget Sound paper. The furnace is only on a small scale, the cost of the whole works, including every outlay connected with them, having amounted to only \$36,000. The result is, however, satisfactory, and fully justifies the expectations of the projectors. The iron produced is of good quality, and fit for all ordinary purposes. According to the report in the *Seattle Post* the proportions of ore used are 80 per cent. of bog iron and 20 per cent. of Texada ore; but from the well known intractability of bog ore it is probable that these proportions are not correctly stated, but that a much greater quantity of magnetic ore is used. By varying the proportions of crude ore, different qualities of iron suitable for different purposes can be produced. It is understood that the works will be enlarged and extended, and furnaces of greater capacity erected, should the demand for the iron produced justify the outlay. It was not to be expected that the furnace would turn out first-class iron at starting, it being in all such cases necessary to ascertain by experiment the properties of ores before the greatest possible degree of excellence can be attained. The results already obtained, however, fully justify the belief that when the furnace shall have been in operation for a week or so, the best quality of iron will be produced. The enterprising proprietors of the works will have in their possession the means of attaining wealth to which it is impossible to assign limits. The success of this enterprise on Puget Sound should act as an incentive to our own capitalists to embark in a similar undertaking in the province,

where it could be prosecuted under more advantageous circumstances. At the Irondale Works the limestone rock has to be imported, and owing to the absence of coal, the smelting has to be done with charcoal. These are drawbacks which add greatly to the cost of iron produced. On Texada Island limestone is abundant, and coal is obtainable in unlimited quantities in the immediate vicinity. These advantages would enable smelting to be there carried on under the most favorable circumstances possible. It has been stated that the company owning the Irondale Works intended putting up a branch furnace on Texada Island, in order to supply the trade in this province as soon as the prospect of sufficient demand for iron to warrant the necessary expenditure of capital shall arise. It would be a reproach to the capitalists of this province to allow a foreign company to come in and manufacture our own iron and reap the profit of the undertaking. The opportunity now offered should be embraced by local capitalists. The extent of the expenditure required has been demonstrated by the cost of the Irondale Works. A furnace erected on Texada Island certainly need not be more costly than that of Irondale, and could probably be put up at less expense. A comparatively small outlay by local capitalists now would enable them to reap the profit that will otherwise be acquired by the enterprising firm who have erected the furnace at Irondale.

The Mississippi River as a Highway for Commerce.

Remarking upon the prodigious effort making by several capitalists to turn the course of trade more into the Mississippi River, and thence to the Gulf of Mexico, the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* says:
It is now being recognized by the railroad-building monomaniacs that the Mississippi River is rapidly coming into use as a commercial highway, and they are at a loss what to do about it. The river, which was thought to be a passive obstruction to railroad commerce, now threatens to be an active one. It is now beginning to be suspected that nature was not so completely wide of the mark when she put a great navigable river midway between the two oceans. While Chicago has been cut off from communication with the outside world, the river has been actively serving St. Louis in its unprecedentedly large export trade. Chicago has gazed in utter helplessness on the easy and expeditious manner in which St. Louis has got rid of her winter's accumulations of grain and other products, and she is becoming alarmed at her evident disadvantage. There is no longer the pooh-poohing at the attempt to turn trade to the river, which has been so common of late years. It is now acknowledged that the river is a danger which is not only real, but which is rapidly assuming a more threatening character. The alarm extends all the way from Chicago to New York, and it is becoming a serious commercial problem how to compete with, and, if possible, head off the great Southern water route. The present year's business will, beyond a doubt, be decisive of the future tendencies of commercial enterprise. The grain trade of the river will experience a boom which will settle the question of its immense superiority over railroads for cheaply emptying the great valley of its surplus, and bringing into it the commodities needed for consumption. Virtually the Mississippi will become another sea, to which the railroads will be tributary and friendly instead of competitive and hostile. The country will get on with less railroad building, and a large amount of capital will find investment in ways less scornful of nature.

The Engineer's Club of Philadelphia.

At the last regular meeting of the Engineer's Club, of Philadelphia, a paper was read by Col. William Ludlow inviting attention to the practical neglect in this country of military engineering, the power of heavy ordnance, and a formula given for calculating the penetration into solid iron of a projectile with a certain diameter and striking velocity. Three classes of modern naval vessels were referred to—the mailed-war ship, with armor 2 or 3 feet in thickness; the iron or steel cruisers, and those of the "composite" type, with metal frames and wood planking. The English system of coast defence, of iron or steel plates 6½ inches thick, alternating with layers of teak, was briefly described, as well as the Graser system of chilled cast iron or steel in heavy masses of curved sections.
The ultimate connection between the ship-building and iron industries of the country and the universal employment of metal in the preparation of war material was pointed out, and the plea advanced that the construction of a naval force and adequate defense for important harbors was clearly demanded, not only for the protection of national interests at home and abroad, but also as the most effective means of stimulating our moribund shipbuilding arts into life, and advancing the metal producing and cognate industrial interests of the country.
Prof. L. M. Haupt read a paper descriptive of the deflecting armor designed by Mr. N. B. Clark, Past Assistant Engineer U. S. N., for seacoast defence. The inventor's improvements are based upon the fact that it is much simpler to resist the effect of a projectile by deflecting it, than by opposing it by thick masses of inert matter, as is evinced by the "ricochetting" of a shot upon the water.
He protects all the vital parts of the vessel by an iron shield, convex upward, placed below the water line, and so curved that a shot cannot strike point blank. The guns are mounted upon the back of this shield, but encased in double convex disks which are practically invulnerable. They are worked by very ingenious but simple devices in the hold, and loaded, swabbed and run into position for firing by hydraulic pressure. It is claimed that by this means a great economy is effected in the weight of metal required for attack and defense, the vessel is more readily handled, more seaworthy, and is

invulnerable. The principle may be applied equally well to the construction of batteries for defense on shore.

Mr. H. A. Vezin presented a description of his recent investigations of the coal and iron mines and the railroads and harbors of Southern Russia, illustrated by maps of the territory and specimens, and enlivened by many amusing and instructive anecdotes of engineering schemes and methods in that country. The coal basin where his examinations were made is about 160 miles east and west by 60 miles north and south, the coal varying in quality from very hard anthracite in the east to very inferior gas coal in the west. The iron of the coal basin is a brown hematite, formed by the decomposition of the carbonate of iron, and poor in quality, but red hematite occurs further east and accessible from the coal mines.

The relations of the government to the railroads and of the latter to the producers and shippers; the rude and, notwithstanding the great cheapness of labor, the very expensive methods of transporting and shipping the coal; the extraordinary transportation of timber to that almost treeless region, and the difficulty in loading or discharging vessels in the shallow harbors, together with many other matters of information and interest connected with the iron and coal industries, were very interestingly treated.

English Iron Masters and the American Law.

Messrs. A. Norrington & Co., of London, have written the following letter to the editor of the *London Iron Trade Exchange*:

Sir.—We have been engaged for some time in a lawsuit with an American firm, the issue of which is of very great importance to traders with America, and we hope the matter will be found of sufficient interest to lay before your readers.

The points of the case are these: In January 1880, we entered into a contract with a Philadelphia firm of high standing to supply them with 5000 tons of rails, delivery of which was to be at the rate of about 1000 tons per month, beginning February, 1880, but the whole contract to be shipped before 1st August, 1880. On receipt of the signed contract in February, two vessels were chartered, one to carry 400 tons and the other 450 tons. The bills of lading for the former vessel were dated February, and those of the latter March, although the bulk of the goods was actually on board in February. A further parcel of 430 tons was shipped in March. In April we shipped 1346 tons; in May 1009 tons; in June 1000 tons, and in July the balance of 300 tons. Six months being allowed us to complete the contract, one would think that these shipments would constitute a fair delivery; but not so our American friends. The cargo of 400 tons was duly received and paid for according to contract. The 450 tons arrived in the beginning of May, and instructions were given by consignees to berth the vessel at their wharf. In the second week of May, however (the market having fallen in the interval to about £4 per ton below contract price), buyers professed to have just discovered a flaw in the bills of lading—they were dated March—and on this pretext they declined to make payment, or to take any further quantity. We proceeded, however, with the shipments as before mentioned, and on completion of the contract we commenced an action in the Pennsylvania Circuit Court to recover damages on the plea, first, that senders had a right to ship irregularly, provided shipments were completed by 1st August, and second that, if not, the contract was a severable one, and buyers had their remedy to recover any loss sustained by senders' failure to ship the stipulated quantity in February; but had no right to rescind balance of contract. The law of England in such a case is distinct and clearly in our favor, but it appears to be still an open question in America. The learned judge in summing up confessed that he regarded the point involved in serious doubt; and remarked as follows: "The doctrine of severableness (if I may be allowed to coin a word) in contracts is an invention of the courts in the interest of justice, designed to enable one who has partially performed and is entitled on such partial performance to something from the other side, to sustain action in advance of complete performance as where goods are sold to be delivered and paid for in parcels, to enable the seller to recover for the parcels delivered in advance of completing his undertaking. But this equitable doctrine should not be invoked by one who had failed to perform for the purpose of defeating the others' rights to rescind, and thus to protect himself against the consequences of his own wrong. Against such a party the contract should be treated and enforced as entire. To say, therefore, that the contract is severable does not, I repeat, therefore advance the argument. To render the plaintiff's position logical it is necessary to take a step forward and hold that such a transaction (it would not be accurate in this view to call it a contract) constitutes several distinct, independent contracts. Then, of course, it follows that a failure as respects one of several successive deliveries affords no right to rescind in regard to those yet to be made. And this step, after much apparent doubt and hesitation, the English courts have taken. It was the necessary outgrowth of the decision in *Simpson vs. Crippin* which overruled *Hoare vs. Rennie*. In our own country the cases are inharmonious and the question unsettled. After careful examination of what has been said on the subject, I shall not be surprised if the courts here finally adopt the present English rule, and thus substitute compensation in damages for the remedy by rescission to the extent there done. I say this, however, not because I think it wise to adopt this rule, but because of an apparent leaning in that direction. The question, however, as here presented, is properly for the Supreme Court, to which I hope it may be carried and the rule thus settled." We reserved right to move for its removal. As will be seen, the matter is left practically where it was—it is left open for future decision.

Contracts are frequently made with American firms for delivery of iron, rails, &c., in monthly quantities, and should any shipment be prevented or delayed by accident it would prejudice the whole contract and give the buyers the right to rescind. This is a state of matters that ought not to exist, and it is for the interest of all traders with America that an effort be made to establish there the rule now existing in England; and to do this it would be necessary to carry our case to the Supreme Court at Washington, under the guidance of the most eminent counsel of the American bar. The cost of doing this, although serious to an individual firm, will fall lightly if divided among the houses most deeply concerned in the question; and we therefore beg to invite all firms who have an interest in this matter to correspond with us with a view to concerted action.

Molders in Chicago.

Mr. T. J. Morgan, in a report on the iron and brass molders of Chicago, says:

The number of molders employed in Chicago are: Machinery and agricultural work molders, 600; stove plate molders, 200; brass molders, 100; apprentices, 30. Sixty per cent. of the iron molders and 90 per cent. of the brass molders are Irish or Irish-Americans. The average wages by the day are \$2.60, but the average weekly earnings for the whole year do not exceed \$14. Stove work is all done by the piece. Nearly all who learn this trade serve as apprentices for three or four years. In some shops the apprentices are discharged as soon as their time expires, to make room for more apprentices. The brass molders have no union. The iron molders have—the National Iron Molders' Union. Eighty per cent. of the molders of Chicago are members of the union. This occupation requires considerable skill and experience.

Constant efforts are being made to adapt machinery to this work, and in cases where the work is of simple form and great quantities are required machinery is used. The Chicago Malleable Iron Works and the Crane Bros.' Manufacturing Company are using molding machines, tended by boys and common, unskilled laborers. Machines are also used in other factories in molding water pipes, gear wheels, pulleys, &c. Females and boys are employed, the females as core-makers and the latter on light work. Asthma, colic and consumption are the diseases peculiar to this trade. The general conditions of the trade are disagreeable for the workers. The shops are filled with poisonous gases. Dust and dirt cover the molders outside and fill up the pores of their skin and fill up their lungs. In the winter months they work in the damp, half-frozen sand, and are wet all through in the evening, while pouring molten metal and shaking out red-hot work, by the heat, gas and steam that come from the hot metal and damp sand. In the summer the heat of these shops is so offensive, after reaching 120° F., that the men are forced to quit work. By proper construction of the foundries and blacksmith shops nearly all of these unhealthy conditions could be removed or prevented, but in the present scramble for existence and wealth the almighty dollar counts more than human life, and no relief can be expected unless the State and municipal governments enforce proper sanitary regulations upon employees as well as employers, for the workman is as stupidly careless and reckless of health as the employer is indifferent to the health and safety of the employees and workmen, women, boys and girls. Much cause of complaint exists in the custom of employers keeping their workmen waiting for melted metal after the quitting time, the men getting no pay for such time. This complaint is expressed by one of their poets thus:

Sometimes we get through at seven,
Oftentimes long after eight;
If our pay was by the hour,
Molders would never be late.

The mental development of the molder is circumscribed by the requirements of his occupation. The physical exhaustion by the day's labor prevents mental work after working hours. The trades union has no appreciable influence in regulating the employment and the rate of wages. It is chiefly an organization caring for the sick.

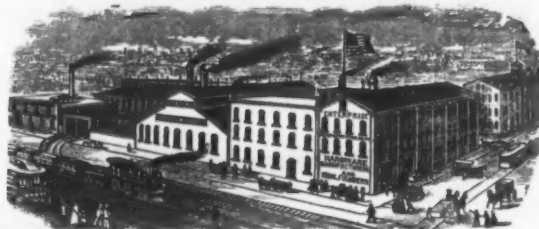
Underground Railways in New York.

—Still another organization, entitled the Central Tunnel Railway Company, has filed articles of incorporation at Albany—capital, \$500,000. There are now, therefore, no less than four companies which seek to establish underground railway communication between the upper and lower parts of the city. The original, known as the Beach Pneumatic Tunnel, is supposed to have no real existence, though efforts are making to give it a new vitality. The second and third companies are known as the New York Underground Railway Company, owning the charter of 1869, and the Underground Railway Company, respectively. These are about to be consolidated under a provision of the Tunneling Act of 1880, and, according to the opinion of their counsel, Mr. George Ticknor Curtis, are in complete possession of legal rights entitling them to construct a road as soon as commissioners can be appointed, according to the provisions of the statute. A majority in value of the property owners on the line under Broadway having refused their consent, it remains with those commissioners to determine whether the road ought to be built, and in what manner, and application for the appointment of such commissioners is now pending before the general term of the Supreme Court. The officers of the New York Underground Railway Company, as we learn by direct inquiry, regard the proposal of the Central Tunnel Railway Company as only ridiculous, it being impossible for them, as one of the officers remarked, "to build a road over our heads." And it would be impracticable for two rival companies to occupy the same route jointly, as would be necessary in the case supposed, inasmuch as the New York Underground Railway Company, if they have any rights at all, cover the whole breadth of the street, and could not lay parallel tracks in any narrower space.

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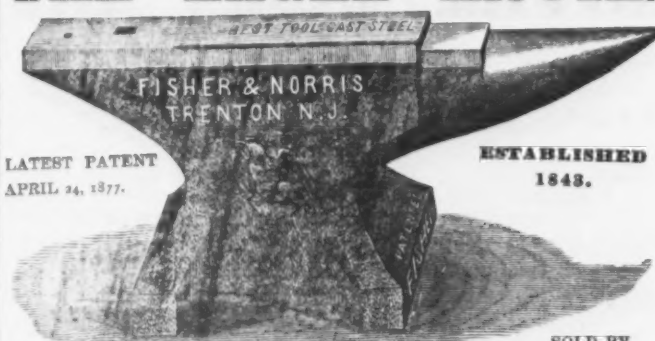
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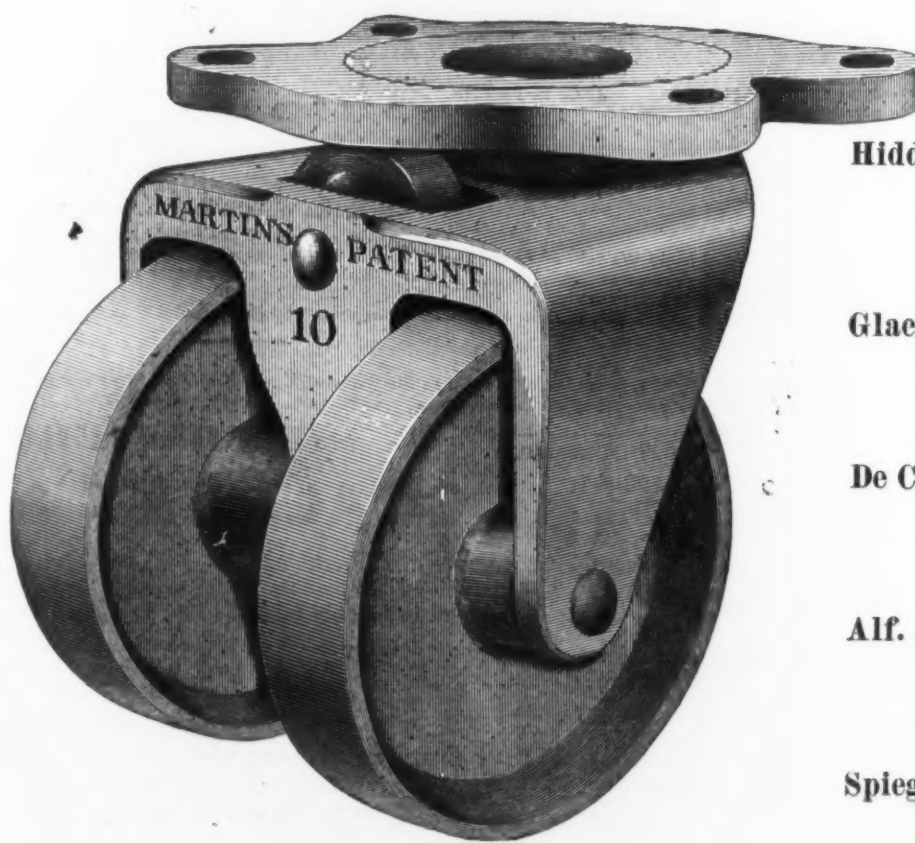
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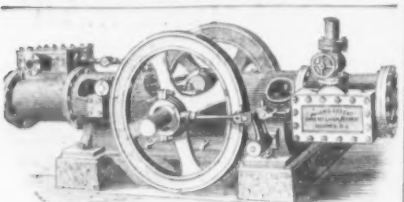
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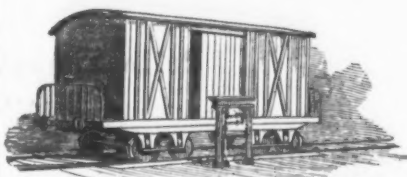
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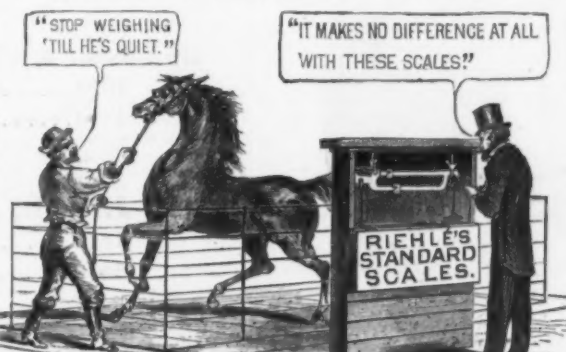
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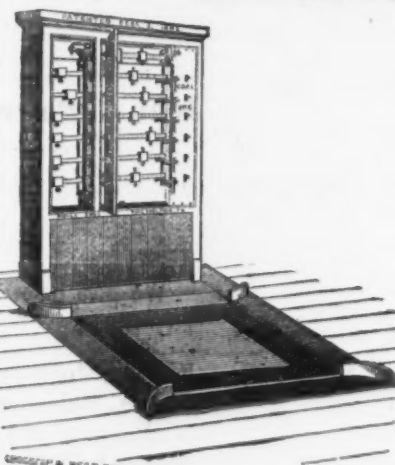
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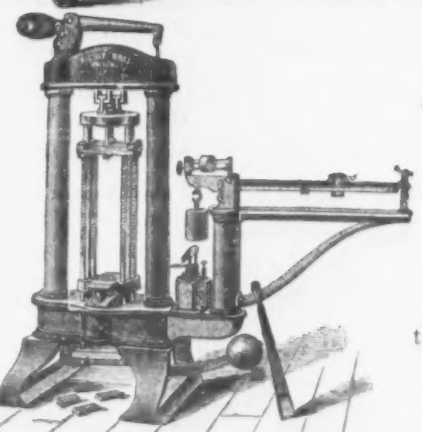
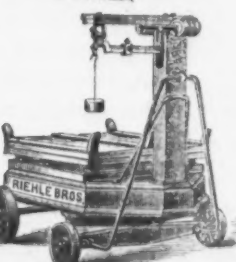
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WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Duty on Hoop Iron and Cotton Ties.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6, 1881.

The Secretary of the Treasury has under advisement the application of the manufacturers of hoop iron for a reference of the decision of the late Secretary of the Treasury, on the cotton tie question, to the Attorney General. The manufacturers set forth, in a forcible manner, the grounds for this request. In addressing the Secretary of the Treasury they represent that an important branch of the iron industry of the United States, known as the hoop iron and cotton-tie manufacture, is at present in a deplorable condition; that rolling mills which employed thousands of operatives directly, and many more thousands indirectly, in the production of these specialties in the iron business, are at a standstill from being unable to compete with foreign manufacturers for the supply of their products in the American markets. This stagnation has reference mainly to the manufacture of cotton ties, for which, year after year, there is an increasing demand in the United States, but which the iron workers of this country cannot supply, because of the competition of English manufacturers, who can undersell in consequence of existing rulings of the Treasury Department as to rates of duty. These rulings are contrary, as they believe, to the spirit and intent of the tariff laws which were made for the protection of American labor. They continue:

"It would be ungenerous and unwise to trouble the Secretary of the Treasury with our grievances at this time unless we believe it to be in his power, and according to his inclination, to redress or relieve them when fairly laid before him. To this end we ask your attention to Rev. Stat. 2nd ed. pp. 465 and 467. The clauses affecting the subject are particularly these: 1st. All band, hoop and scroll iron from one-half to six inches wide, under one-eighth of an inch in thickness and not thinner than number twenty wire gauge, one and one-half cents per pound. 2d. Manufactures, articles, vessels and wares not otherwise provided for, of brass, iron, lead, pewter, and tin or other metal (except gold, silver, platinum, copper and steel) or of which either of these metals shall be a component material of chief value, thirty-five per centum ad valorem. Under the latter class hoop iron has been brought into the United States from Europe at the ad valorem instead of the specific duty. Evasions have been practiced more or less successfully on all classes of iron and steel manufacture, but on none has contrivance been more persistently applied than on hoop iron, in the case of cotton ties particularly. The subject has been discussed before the Treasury Department frequently during the last few years, by the importer on one side and the manufacturer on the other, and with varied results. A synopsis of these cases and results may now properly be presented to you, and as briefly as possible. Up to December, 1878, a specific duty of 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 cents per pound was paid on hoop iron, according to size. Some time previous to this, importers introduced hoop iron, cut to specific lengths and with holes or holes punched in one end, claiming to pay the ad valorem duty as an 'article of manufacture not otherwise provided for.' Suits have been brought at New Orleans and New York in the lower courts at earlier periods, to determine rates of duty in particular cases, and verdicts in favor of the ad valorem duty rendered. Through a misconception, afterwards acknowledged by the Attorney General, no appeal was taken to the higher courts. The courts and juries in the places named were imbued with free-trade principles. In consequence of these decisions, or for other reasons, the Treasury Department issued in substance the following order:

"December 21, 1878, Order 3824.—Hoop iron cut into lengths and holes punched therein, shall be admitted at 35 per cent. ad valorem, instead of 1 1/4 cents per pound as previously rated."

"On a remonstrance by the manufacturers April 17, 1880, order 4496 states that order 3824 is reconsidered, and that the department is satisfied that cutting and punching with more or less holes does not remove the hoop iron from the category of hoop iron in Schedule E of Revised Statutes, and specific duty shall be collected, and that the previous decision, 3824, was in violation of law. This last decision is evidently in accord with the purpose of the tariff law; and covers importation of hoop iron for barrels, cotton ties, and other articles which by slight advance toward manufacture, at a most trifling cost for labor, had been introduced into this country from abroad at the ad valorem instead of the specific duty. But the foreign manufacturer of cotton ties, with continued perseverance, still attempted to evade the law by further contrivances. A cotton tie is about 11 feet long, fastened around the bale by a buckle at the ends. Cutting hoop iron into these lengths was resorted to, and buckles strung on an occasional tie, so as to characterize 30 lengths with buckles so strung and tied together as a manufactured 'bundle of cotton ties.' On application to admit these cotton ties at ad valorem rates the Treasury Department, by order 4550, May 17, 1880, decided adversely, and classed them as hoop iron at specific duty."

"So far as these late decisions of the department are concerned, they sustain the American manufacturer by reversing the former ruling of 1873. In consequence of that ruling in favor of ad valorem duty, importations had increased, and large orders in 79 and early in 80 were said to be placed in England for barrel hoop iron and cotton ties. To relieve the importer who had purchased abroad in good faith previous to late decisions, the Secretary of the Treasury caused a resolution to be passed by Congress June 14, 1880, providing that all contracts of a bona fide character for this class of iron made abroad before March 12, 1880, shall be admitted at 35 per cent. ad valorem, so an order (4577, June 16, 1880) to this effect was issued, and in answer to an inquiry by the Collector of Customs, New York, on this same subject,

Order 4580, June 17th 1880, was issued to the same effect and affirming the doctrine that between hoop iron imported for barrels or cotton ties there is 'no substantial difference.' Before this time cotton ties were imported in bundles, as before stated. Determined to evade the law, the foreign manufacturer now rivets the buckles, formerly shipped loose, to one end of the tie, although such fastening is of no value to the tie, is not necessary, was never before used, and is rather a disadvantage than otherwise. On discovering this new effort to establish a cotton tie as an article of manufacture not otherwise provided for, to be admitted at ad valorem instead of specific duty, an American manufacturer inquired of the Treasury department as to how it would be classed. Whereupon Order 4589, June 26th, 1880, was issued, making it dutiable at 35 per cent. ad valorem. This decision, so contrary to the spirit of other rulings, if persisted in, will utterly destroy, as it has already seriously affected, this important branch of the iron industry of the United States."

"It is no discredit to the framers of the tariff law of 1864 that they did not provide specifically against all possible attempts to evade it, particularly as the spirit of protection to American labor is so clearly set forth in its provisions. Doubtless it was thought that unforeseen cases, as they arose, would be easily determined by the intent and purpose of the law. Clearly the revenue from the more advanced manufacture was to equal or exceed that on the cruder commodity, with less labor applied to its production, of which the manufactured article is composed. This principle pervades all the tariff laws, and in an especial manner those relating to iron, steel and other metals; the basis of the principle being protection to labor as well as capital."

"This view is sustained in Revised Statutes, page 465, where manufactures of steel, &c., shall pay a duty of 45 per cent. ad valorem. But all articles of steel manufactured, or of which steel shall be a component part, not otherwise provided for, shall pay the same rate of duty as if wholly manufactured."

"Apply this to the cotton tie case. The cost of hoop iron, of which cotton ties are made, is, in England, say \$40 per ton of 2240 pounds; the cost of riveting buckles on the same is about \$1 per ton. On this last expenditure of labor the claim of manufacturer is set up. If sustained, the ad valorem duty per ton would only amount to \$14.35, but if not sustained the specific duty is \$33.60 per gross ton. There is no reason why this inconsiderable amount of labor should defeat the intention of the Tariff law, and destroy the business in this country. Evasions of the law will still be attempted in this and every other department of iron manufacture, for which there is no remedy equal to a decided position taken by the present administration of the Treasury department, which will not only prevent the recurrence of these subterfuges, but give that permanent encouragement to American labor which meets with more universal approval by the people than ever before since the formation of the government."

"We do not desire to criticize closely or to censure unjustly certain late constructions of the law. We desire redress. Our condition is serious. Already we are at bay. Our mills and workshops are threatened with disaster. Last year's trade was materially lessened and damaged by importation of cut hoops and cotton ties. This year's business is uncertain, if not hopeless. No cotton ties will be manufactured in this country this year or hereafter under present rulings. No dealer dare buy his supply from the American manufacturers, because importation will surely commence unless speedy relief is granted. No manufacturer can make a cotton tie without certain loss as the tariff is now interpreted. And while American labor is thrown idle, not even the American consumer is sure of the benefit of lower prices, for the importer has the trade in his own hands for the present at least."

"Although this branch of iron industry started hopefully, with capital invested under the supposed protection of the tariff laws, as the rulings now stand it must prepare to be wiped out from American enterprise, and its mills, at a great loss, must be converted into other branches of the iron business, producing thereby unnecessary competition and ultimate disaster to what otherwise would be a fairly remunerative business. Immediate relief is necessary and most earnestly requested. We may appear to be importunate, but it is hard to be passive. At this time last year a large number of rolling mills in the different States had commenced to make cotton ties for the coming crop; this year not one has ventured to start. We feel discouraged. Our workmen are discontented, particularly as the loss of trade comes so soon after promise of protection to American labor, which carried their votes successfully for the administration. Justice demands and good policy advises that speedy action be taken to place this industry on a proper footing of equal protection with other branches of iron and steel manufacture—a protection fully intended, and expressed with as much precision in the Tariff law of 1864 as the condition and knowledge of the business at that time enabled its framers to make it."

Attached to this clear statement of the case is a list of the hoop-iron and cotton-tie manufacturers who make this appeal. All the iron and steel workers of the United States are in sympathy, and await with much confidence such action of the Secretary as will speedily restore this branch of the iron business to a prosperous condition among the industries of the country. By making all cotton ties chargeable with a duty of 1 1/4 cents per pound, this most desirable end will be accomplished and cause justice to be done."

The document is signed by Thomas H. Wells, of Youngstown, Ohio, chairman of the committee of hoop iron manufacturers. The following is the list: Wm. H. McCurdy & Co., Cleveland, Ohio. Cartwright, McCurdy & Co., Youngstown, Ohio. Youngstown Rolling Mill Co., Youngstown, Ohio. Kimberly, Carnes & Co., Sharon, Pa. Jones & Laughlin, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wm. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Lindsay & McCutcheon, Pittsburgh, Pa. Graff, Bennett & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Chas. F. Schoener, Philadelphia, Pa. United States Iron Co., Youngstown, Ohio. J. Painter & Sons, Pittsburgh, Pa. Altoona Iron Co., Altoona, Pa. Maiden Creek Iron Co., B'andon, Pa. Syracuse Iron Co., Syracuse, N. Y. Rome Merchant Iron Mill, Rome, N. Y. Ulster Iron Co., Saugerties, N. Y. Gosnold Mills, New Bedford, Mass. Fall River Iron Co., Fall River, Mass. Nevigold, Scheide & Co., Bristol, Pa. Reversible Cotton Tie Co., Syracuse, N. Y. Lawrence Iron Works Co., Ironton, Ohio.

A statement which has been prepared for the information of the Secretary of the Treasury, shows that the annual consumption of cotton ties in the United States now reaches 30,000 tons, and as our manufacturers are diverted from this enterprise by the suicidal rulings of the Department under the late administration, the effect will be ruinous. The statistics of imports also exhibit some alarming facts. The band, hoop and scroll iron imported into the United States for seven months ending January 31, 1880, amounted to but \$40,601. After the leasing of the Department to the side of the importers, and the tinkering of the Democrats in Congress became known the shipments to this country at once increased. From \$40,600 for seven months ending January 1, 1880, the imports jumped to \$334,699 for seven months of 1880. Secretary Windom, in speaking on the subject, expressed a desire to do what might seem best for the country, and will take the subject up and determine without delay."

The Pressed Glass Trade.

The pressed glassware manufacturers met at Pittsburgh on the afternoon of March 22. The spring business of the glassmen opened very slowly. The protracted winter interfered with sales, stock began to accumulate and prices were away down. The supply was certainly greater than the demand, and it was seen that some remedy must be obtained. A meeting of the manufacturers was held, and after discussing the state of affairs a committee was appointed to devise a plan for relief. This committee, after due deliberation, presented the following document to the meeting:

PITTSBURGH, March 22, 1881. At a meeting of the Pressed Glass Manufacturers held this day, it was unanimously Resolved, That we, the Pressed Glass Manufacturers, agree to stop for eight (8) weeks, between the 1st of May and the 1st of September, 1881.

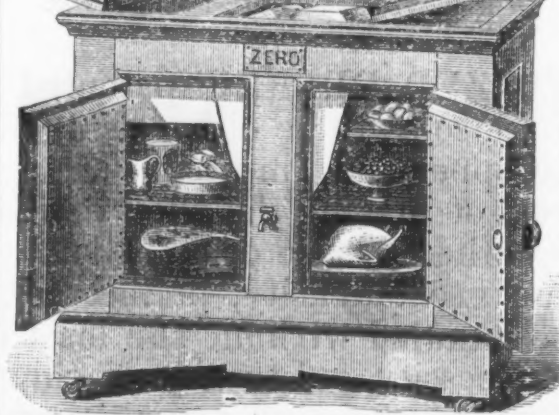
The resolution was adopted, and before evening had been signed by almost all of the manufacturers. In addition to the firms located in Pittsburgh, the Wheeling and Eastern Ohio firms are included in this movement, and are heartily in favor of it. The results will be noticeable at once. In the first place, a stoppage of eight weeks, if it is universal, will lessen production to the extent of \$1,500,000, and consequently by taking that much off the market lessen competition. While this will not be effected until after the shut down, prices are expected to stiffen at once. The question will arise whether all the glassmen will keep the agreement. Former efforts have failed because three or four men will persist in running; others refuse to stop unless all do, and the result is, that but one-half of the factories are closed. This time a different result is confidently expected. The largest of the Eastern jobbers state that they will not buy from any manufacturer who will not agree to stop, and this is an argument of the strongest kind. The employees, as a rule, will be pleased with the shut down. Working in a glass house in the dog days is neither pleasant nor healthy, and the more intelligent of the men claim they can make more by working twelve months in a year than by working twelve. There will be no set day for drawing the bars, each operator suiting himself in the four months between the first of May and the first of September.

Space Around Steamboat Boilers.—A circular from the United States Treasury Department containing official copies of the Steamboat Rules and Regulations, was read at the annual meeting of the Board of Supervising Inspectors. The principal change is in Rule No. 10, applicable to all steamers hereafter built, which now reads as follows: "All steamers navigating rivers, having boilers externally heated, shall have a clear space of not less than 6 inches between the boilers and woodwork on either side, and 4 inches on the top of said boilers. All steamers navigating the ocean, sounds, lakes, bays and rivers, the boilers of which shall be internally heated, shall have a clear space of at least 4 inches on either side, and at the top not less than 2 inches clear space above the covering of the boilers. All woodwork or other ignitable substance approaching within 2 inches of the boiler shall be suitably sheathed with metal, so adjusted as to permit a free circulation of air between the sheathing and the ignitable surface. All boilers shall have a clear space at the back and ends thereof of 2 feet opposite the back-connection door." It is to be observed, in the language of the Solicitor of the Treasury, "that there is nothing in the rule which forbids the local board from requiring more space than that mentioned, if, in its judgment, it may, in any case, be necessary to require it." Practically, therefore, the amended Rule 10, instead of prescribing the exact space which shall be allowed between the boiler and the woodwork adjacent, leaves this question to the several local boards in the exercise of their free judgment."

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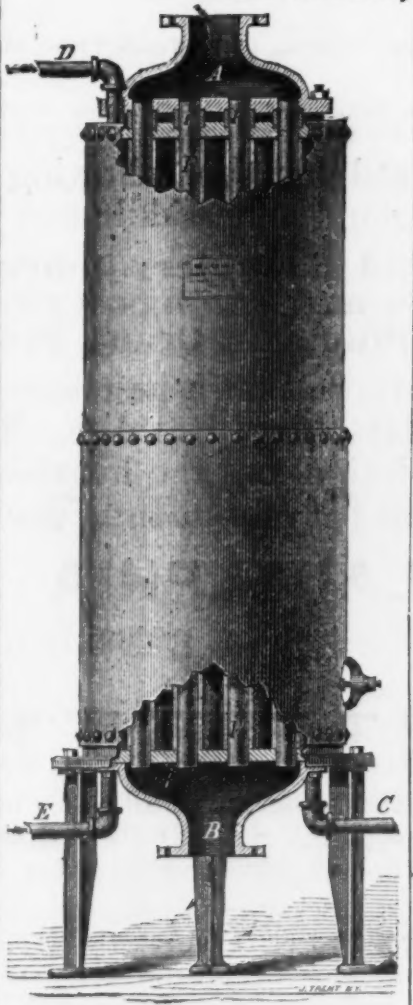
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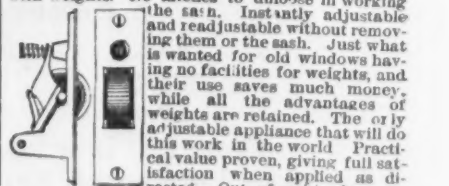
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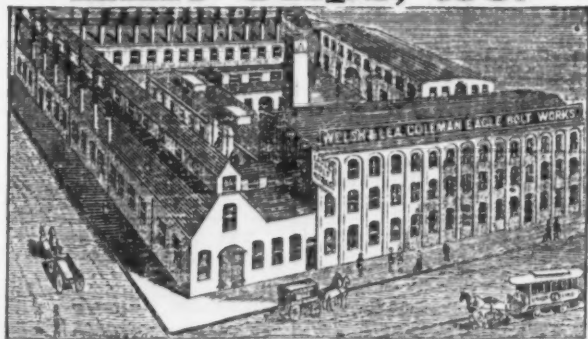
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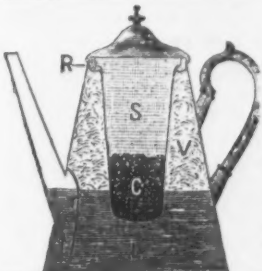
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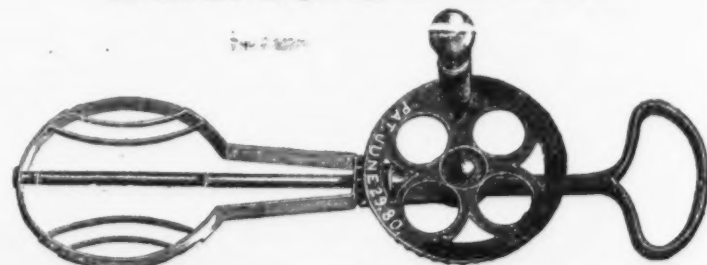
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Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, April 6, 1881.

More activity has prevailed in Wall street during the past week. In government bonds dealings were larger than for several weeks previous, characterized by a firm undertone. The 5s of 1881 advanced a fraction, while the 4s and 3½s were nearly, or quite, 1 per cent higher on the week's business. On the Stock Exchange there was a firmer tone, imparted by the advices from Washington in regard to the prepayment of bonds, leading to a general improvement, and on Saturday the closing sales were about the best of the week for a considerable part of the list. On Monday the bears made a raid on the coal stocks, with the effect of unsettling the market for these properties, but there was a partial recovery on the following days. A special feature was the sharp advance in Tennessee on receipt of intelligence of the passage of the Refunding bill, which converts the present bonds into 99 year 3 per cent. coupons receivable for taxes. The posted sales sterling exchange were advanced by leading drawers ½ a cent to \$4.81 ½ for six days and \$4.84 for demand bills. For loans on call at the Stock Exchange the ruling rate was 5 @ 6 per cent., exceptional loans being made as high as 1-32 of 1 per cent. per day, in addition to legal interest. The weekly bank statement showed a slight loss in the reserves. The April settlements caused less disturbance in the local money market than has been observed for several years, and as the money shipped from this point for the movement of produce will soon be restored, a protracted period of ease in financial circles is anticipated.

The importations of specie and bullion at this port during the week ending April 1, were \$3,229,107, comprising \$3,086,552 in gold and \$142,555 in silver, as against a total of \$5,281 for the week ending April 3, last year. The importations since the 1st of January and since the 1st of August compare as follows with the movement during the corresponding periods last year:

| | Since January 1, 1881. | 1880. |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Gold..... | \$13,030,970 | \$1,444,018 |
| Silver..... | 936,960 | 1,499,151 |
| Total..... | \$13,967,930 | \$2,943,169 |
| | Since August 1, 1880. | 1879-80. |
| Gold..... | \$2,312,038 | \$7,101,090 |
| Silver..... | 3,407,471 | \$7,617,665 |
| Total..... | \$5,719,509 | \$14,718,755 |

As noted in the general review, government bonds were strong, advancing to 115, but declining a fraction on later dealings. Southern State bonds continue their upward tendency, especially for Tennessee. On many of the railroads speculation halts, but is firm on mortgage bonds and incomes. The most active stocks of the week are the Western Union Telegraph, the coal stocks, Northern Pacific, Erie, Union Pacific, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

In the general trade of the city there is a fair movement, but scarcely up to the expectations of merchants, owing to the prevalence of storms and floods.

The following is an analysis of the bank totals of this week, compared with that of last week:

| | March 26. | April 2. | Comparison. |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Loans..... | \$300,622,000 | \$300,881,100 | Dec. \$233,900 |
| Specie..... | \$7,668,000 | \$7,611,000 | Dec. \$57,000 |
| Legal t'gs..... | 12,034,500 | 12,710,500 | Dec. 224,000 |
| Tot. reserve..... | 79,736,500 | 79,131,500 | Dec. 281,000 |
| Deposits..... | 275,585,500 | 275,495,400 | Dec. 91,100 |
| Reserve required..... | 68,895,625 | 68,873,850 | Dec. 22,775 |
| Surplus..... | 1,705,775 | 1,447,650 | Dec. \$25,125 |
| Circulation..... | 16,630,500 | 15,713,500 | Inc. \$916,000 |

FOREIGN IMPORTS.

For the week ended April 2:

| | 1879. | 1880. | 1881. |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Dry goods..... | \$2,467,565 | \$1,084,653 | \$2,641,977 |
| Gen. mds..... | 4,163,224 | 2,427,042 | 6,978,734 |
| Total for week..... | \$6,630,789 | \$3,511,695 | \$9,620,711 |
| Prev. reported..... | 70,883,674 | 113,668,707 | 99,446,611 |

Since Jan. 1.... \$77,114,458 \$125,170,492 \$109,060,422

Included in the imports of general merchandise for the week were articles valued as follows:

| | Quantity. | Value. |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Anvils..... | 213 | \$3,910 |
| Brass goods..... | 31 | 4,351 |
| Brass..... | 11 | 11,000 |
| Bronze..... | 18 | 4,351 |
| Chains and anchors..... | 70 | 3,350 |
| Clocks..... | 39 | 5,912 |
| Copper..... | 754 | 754 |
| Cutlery..... | 174 | 59,666 |
| Pins..... | 215 | 806 |
| Gas fixtures..... | 3 | 806 |
| Guns..... | 180 | 31,214 |
| Hardware..... | 21 | 4,299 |
| Iron, pig, tons..... | 4,074 | 67,098 |
| Iron, sheet, tons..... | 91 | 1,668 |
| Railroad bars..... | 7,457 | 77,355 |
| Iron ore, tons..... | 3,073 | 11,747 |
| Iron, other, tons..... | 1,938 | 47,157 |
| Lead, pigs..... | 1,500 | 7,733 |
| Machinery..... | 118 | 7,428 |
| Metal goods..... | 167 | 23,161 |
| Ors..... | 22 | 200 |
| Needles..... | 2 | 2,876 |
| Nickel..... | 9 | 2,175 |
| Old metal..... | 7,431 | 5,807 |
| Platina..... | 8 | 5,807 |
| Plated ware..... | 6 | 576 |
| Saddlery..... | 24 | 5,267 |
| Steel..... | 20,951 | 134,859 |
| Spelter..... | 34 | 34,508 |
| Silverware..... | 5 | 303 |
| Tin, boxes..... | 41,320 | 100,654 |
| Tin, 64 slabs..... | 168,810 | 36,750 |
| Wire..... | 17 | 3,079 |
| Zinc..... | 3,324 | 3,324 |

REPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

For the week ended April 5:

| | 1879. | 1880. | 1881. |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| For the week..... | \$6,754,971 | \$7,194,662 | \$9,044,878 |
| Prev. reported..... | 73,092,407 | 77,891,873 | 91,937,809 |

Since Jan. 1.... \$78,847,378 \$85,086,534 \$99,984,687

GENERAL HARDWARE.

There continues to be a fair demand for seasonable hardware, but the wonderful tenacity with which winter still clings to spring prevents that general distribution which was expected about this time. With regard to values very few changes are reported, but in many lines of goods we hear of weakness and irregular figures.

Same time in 1876..... 13,013,743
Same time in 1875..... 10,816,273
Same time in 1874..... 9,045,880
Same time in 1873..... 15,648,898
Same time in 1872..... 6,139,955

Government bonds at the close were quoted as follows:

| | Bid. | Asked. |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| U. S. 6s 1881 registered..... | 102 1/2 | 102 3/4 |
| U. S. 6s 1881 coupon..... | 102 1/2 | 102 3/4 |
| U. S. 5s 1881 registered..... | 102 1/2 | 102 3/4 |
| U. S. 5s 1881 coupon..... | 102 1/2 | 102 3/4 |
| U. S. 4 1/2s 1881 registered..... | 112 1/2 | 112 3/4 |
| U. S. 4 1/2s 1881 coupon..... | 112 1/2 | 112 3/4 |
| U. S. 4s 1897 registered..... | 113 1/2 | 113 3/4 |
| U. S. 4s 1897 coupon..... | 113 1/2 | 113 3/4 |
| U. S. Currency 6s 1895..... | 110 | 110 1/2 |
| U. S. Currency 6s 1897..... | 110 | 110 1/2 |
| U. S. Currency 6s 1898..... | 110 | 110 1/2 |
| U. S. Currency 6s 1899..... | 110 | 110 1/2 |

The stock market closed at a general advance of 1/4 @ 1/2, at the following quotations:

| | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---------|---------|
| Alton and Terre Haute..... | 43 | 46 |
| American Union Telegraph..... | 78 | 80 1/2 |
| Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph..... | 47 | 48 1/2 |
| American District Telegraph..... | 57 1/2 | 58 |
| Arizona..... | 166 | 166 1/2 |
| Burlington and Quincy..... | 88 1/2 | 89 |
| Clev. Col. Can. and Indpls..... | 24 1/2 | 25 |
| C. and I. C. C..... | 24 1/2 | 25 |
| Canada Southern..... | 50 | 50 1/2 |
| Caribou..... | 2 | 2 1/2 |
| Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans..... | 74 1/2 | 75 |
| Chesapeake and Ohio..... | 25 1/2 | 26 |
| Deadwood..... | 43 | 43 1/2 |
| Chicago and Alton..... | 135 | 140 |
| Colorado Coal and Iron..... | 16 1/2 | 16 3/4 |
| Col. and N. W. Ry..... | 88 | 88 1/2 |
| Cin. Sandusky and Clev..... | 50 1/2 | 50 3/4 |
| Cedar Falls..... | 23 1/2 | 24 |
| Delaware, Lack. and Western..... | 121 1/2 | 122 1/2 |
| Danbury and Norwalk..... | 60 | 60 1/2 |
| Delaware and Hudson Canal..... | 111 1/2 | 112 1/2 |
| Denver and Rio Grande..... | 106 1/2 | 107 1/2 |
| Erie and Western..... | 52 | 54 |
| Illinois Central..... | 48 | 48 1/2 |
| Erie Preferred..... | 47 1/2 | 48 |
| Excelsior Mining..... | 5 | 5 1/2 |
| Excelsior..... | 24 | 24 1/2 |
| Express..... | 109 1/2 | 110 |
| Wells, Fargo..... | 118 1/2 | 119 |
| American..... | 75 | 76 |
| United States..... | 58 1/2 | 60 |
| Hannibal and St. Joseph..... | 58 1/2 | 59 1/2 |
| Houston and Texas..... | 67 | 69 |
| Homestead..... | 20 | 21 |
| Iron Mountain..... | 65 1/2 | 66 1/2 |
| Illinois..... | 137 1/2 | 138 1/2 |
| Indiana, Bloom. and Western..... | 12 1/2 | 13 |
| International and Gt. No..... | 69 | 70 1/2 |
| Kansas and Texas..... | 46 1/2 | 47 1/2 |
| Louisville and Nashville..... | 91 1/2 | 92 1/2 |
| Louisville, New Albany and Chic..... | 35 1/2 | 36 1/2 |
| Little Pittsburgh..... | 35 1/2 | 36 1/2 |
| La Platte..... | 35 1/2 | 36 1/2 |
| Lake Shore..... | 13 1/2 | 14 1/2 |
| Louisiana and Mexico..... | 35 1/2 | 36 1/2 |
| Manhattan Beach..... | 43 1/2 | 44 1/2 |
| Manhattan Elevated..... | 38 1/2 | 39 1/2 |
| Michigan Central..... | 112 1/2 | 113 1/2 |
| Metropolitan..... | 11 1/2 | 12 1/2 |
| Metropolitan Elevated..... | 11 1/2 | 12 1/2 |
| Mill. Lake Shore & West..... | 46 | 46 1/2 |
| Marietta and Cincinnati Pref..... | 13 1/2 | 14 1/2 |
| Mobile and Ohio..... | 26 1/2 | 27 1/2 |
| New York Elevated..... | 12 1/2 | 13 1/2 |
| New York Central..... | 145 1/2 | 146 1/2 |
| New Central Coal..... | 27 1/2 | 28 1/2 |
| Northern Pacific..... | 4 1/2 | 4 3/4 |
| Nashville and Chattanooga..... | 72 1/2 | 73 1/2 |
| New Jersey Central..... | 100 1/2 | 101 1/2 |
| Northwest..... | 13 1/2 | 14 1/2 |
| Ohio..... | 43 1/2 | 44 1/2 |
| Ohio Central..... | 30 1/2 | 31 1/2 |
| Omaha..... | 43 1/2 | 44 1/2 |
| Ontario and Western..... | 36 1/2 | 37 1/2 |
| Ontario Silver..... | 36 | 37 |
| Oregon Navigation..... | 148 | 149 |
| Panama..... | 54 1/2 | 55 1/2 |
| Peoria, Decatur & Evansville..... | 38 | 39 |
| Quicksilver..... | 18 1/2 | 19 1/2 |
| Pacific Mail..... | 66 1/2 | 67 1/2 |
| Reading..... | 63 1/2 | 64 1/2 |
| Rock Island..... | 137 1/2 | 138 1/2 |
| Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg..... | 26 | 27 |
| Sutro Tunnel..... | 1 1/2 | 1 3/4 |
| Silver Cliff..... | 1 1/2 | 1 3/4 |
| St. Joseph..... | 2 1/2 | 2 3/4 |
| Standard..... | 24 | 24 1/2 |
| San Francisco..... | 41 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| St. Paul..... | 112 1/2 | 113 1/2 |
| Texas Pacific..... | 123 1/2 | 124 1/2 |
| Union Pacific..... | 110 1/2 | 111 1/2 |
| Wabash and Pacific..... | 47 1/2 | 48 1/2 |
| Western Union Telegraph..... | 115 1/2 | 116 1/2 |
| Western Union Telegraph, ex div..... | 80 1/2 | 81 1/2 |

MINING STOCKS.

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Expressor..... | 24 | 24 1/2 |
| Express-A Sams..... | 120 1/2 | 120 3/4 |
| " Wm. Fargo..... | 118 | 118 1/2 |
| " "..... | 58 | 58 1/2 |
| " American..... | 60 1/2 | 60 3/4 |
| " United States..... | 58 1/2 | 58 3/4 |
| " Hannibal and St. Joseph..... | 50 1/2 | 50 3/4 |
| " " Pref..... | 103 | 103 1/2 |
| " Houston and Texas..... | 67 | 67 1/2 |
| " Montezuma..... | 65 1/2 | 65 3/4 |
| " Iron Mountain..... | 65 1/2 | 65 3/4 |
| " Illinois Central..... | 137 1/2 | 137 3/4 |
| " Indiana, Bloom. and Western..... | 83 1/2 | 83 3/4 |
| " International and Gt. No..... | 60 | 70 1/2 |
| " Kansas and Texas..... | 46 1/2 | 46 3/4 |
| " Kansas, Mo. and N. Ky..... | 51 1/2 | 51 3/4 |
| " Louisville, New Albany and Chic..... | 70 | 70 1/2 |
| " Little Pittsburgh..... | 3 1/2 | 3 3/4 |
| " A Platte..... | 7 1/2 | 7 3/4 |
| " Lake Shore..... | 13 1/2 | 130 3/4 |
| " Memphis and Missouri..... | 22 1/2 | 22 3/4 |
| " Manhattan Beach..... | 38 1/2 | 41 1/2 |
| " Manhattan Elevated..... | 38 1/2 | 38 3/4 |
| " Michigan Central..... | 112 1/2 | 112 3/4 |
| " Maryland Canal..... | 27 | 29 |

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PITTSBURGH.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa., April 5, 1881.

Our manufacturers generally continue to complain of business as being dull; unusually so for this particular time, and they attribute it mainly to the backwardness of the season. Reports from the West, the Northwest in particular, are very unfavorable; heavy snow storms have prevailed in that section of the country during the past week, and even here snow fell almost every day from last Wednesday until Sunday, and, as a consequence, all kinds of outdoor work, if commenced, had to be stopped. Reliable advices from some sections of the West report that the first fall of snow occurred early in November last, and that the ground has not been visible since that time. Not only did it almost put a stop to outdoor work, but, in many sections, rail transportation was materially curtailed, and, this being the case, it is not strange the demand for all kinds of manufactured goods is light, and no improvement can reasonably be looked for until good weather sets in.

Pig Iron.—There has been an increased volume of business the past week, caused by the sale of a couple of large lots, one of 2000 and the other of 1000 tons; as a rule the demand is still of a hand-to-mouth character, confined to supplying immediate actual wants. While prices are without quotable change, the feeling on the part of furnacemen is less confident, and some consumers assert that they can buy all they want at a reduction of 50 cents per ton, as compared with prices a month ago. We hear of some brands being offered at a decline of \$1; whether this is so or not it is evident that furnacemen generally are not so confident of the immediate future as they were a month ago, and instead of looking for a still further advance, the majority of them now feel that there is a possibility of the market taking a turn backward, and it is pretty generally admitted that unless more remunerative prices for finished iron can be obtained there is not much chance for any further advance in the raw article. Mill Irons may be quoted at \$22 @ \$23, 4 mos., for ordinary to good Neutral, and \$23.50 for extra do.; \$24 @ \$25 for cinder-mixture Red-short, and \$27 @ \$27.50 for all ore do.; Foundry grades \$23 @ \$24 for Nos. 2, and \$25 @ \$26 for No. 1. Sales 2000 tons (Allegheny River) Gray Forge (native ore) at \$22.50, 4 mos., and 1000 tons all (Lake) ore, Red-short, at \$27.50. Nothing doing in Bessemer; quoted nominal at \$23 @ \$29, 4 mos. Eastern Charcoal (Cold Blast), \$37 @ \$38.

Manufactured Iron.—Trade, instead of getting better, appears to be growing worse. But few, if any, of the mills are working up to their full capacity, and with orders sought after, prices, as might be expected, are weak and unremunerative. Some mills, whose necessities force them to realize, are booking orders at prices that certainly do not more than cover actual cost, while others, although anxious for business, are refusing to sell at the prices in question. That there will be an active business as soon as the spring trade opens up fully is confidently expected, but as regards prices the outlook is not very encouraging. Bars are still quotable at 2.15¢ @ 2.25¢ rates, 60 days, 2¢ off for cash; Plate and Tank, 2.60¢ @ 2.70¢, with a very light demand; Sheet, 3.50¢ @ 3.60¢ for No. 24. There is considerable activity in Skelp Iron. The mills that make it are well supplied with orders, but prices are very unsatisfactory. Best brands of Boiler Plate, 5½¢.

Nails.—The dullness noted in our report of last week still continues, but it is confidently expected that orders will commence to come forward freely before long, as stocks in hands of jobbers are small, and the season for actual consumption cannot possibly be much longer delayed. While manufacturers generally hold firm for full card, outside lots are still being picked up at \$2.75 @ \$2.80, net cash.

Wrought Iron Pipe.—The demand for this, like everything else, is slow, owing to the backwardness of the season, but the mills are running full and "piling up" in anticipation of a big spring and summer trade. The discount on Gas and Steam Pipe has been reduced to 60 and 5¢, instead of 65 straight. Oil-well Casing and Tubing remains unchanged at 70¢ per foot, net, for Casing, and 21¢ for Tubing.

Railway Supplies.—There have been no sales of Steel Rails reported here for some time, in the absence of which they are quoted at \$64 @ \$65, cash, at mill. Railway Spikes firm, but unchanged, at 2½¢, 30 days; Splice Bars, 2.25¢ @ 2.35¢; Track Bolts, 3.25¢ @ 3.50¢, according to nut.

Steel.—Business is reported as being slow for the season. Some of the mills are not fully employed. Homogeneous Steel, used for Steel boilers, is quoted at 6½¢, and the consumption is steadily increasing, having largely supplanted iron boiler plate for the use in question. Standard brands of Cast Refined Steel, 11¢; Crucible Machinery, 7¢; Bessemer and Open-Hearth do., 5 @ 5½¢; do. Spring, 4¢ @ 4½¢; do. Plow, 4½¢ @ 4¾¢.

Scrap.—The movement continues light as compared with a month ago, but has remained unchanged; No. 1 Wrought, \$30 @ \$31 per net ton for selected railroad, and \$28 @ \$29 for ordinary. Old Car Wheels, nominal at \$30 @ \$32 per gross ton.

Coke.—There has been a better supply of cars within the past few days, and the shipments have been considerably larger in consequence. The consumption of this, like many other articles of recent origin, is steadily increasing; it is being sent to nearly all parts of the country. Even in the anthracite coal region furnacemen are using more or less, and as it is more expensive, if we mistake not, than Anthracite Coal, the presumption is that it makes a better quality of Pig Iron. Prices remain unchanged; for

immediate delivery, \$1.65 @ \$1.75, free on cars at ovens.

Coal.—Owing to the water in the river being too low, there has been very little Coal shipped during the past week, but operators are busy looking up their empty craft, so as to be in shape to take advantage of the next rise. Notwithstanding the large shipments ever since the resumption of navigation, there appears to have been no accumulation in the down-river markets, and prices are steady in consequence.

Petroleum.—There has been no change deserving of mention in this article during the past week.

CHICAGO.

Office of The Iron Age,
36 and 38 Clark Street, cor. Lake Street,
Chicago, April 4, 1881.

Pig Iron.—We have no change to note in the market for Lake Superior Charcoal Irons during the past week. Prices are firm, and there has been a fair average amount of sales, particularly in Foundry and Coke Irons. We quote: Lake Superior Charcoal Nos. 1 and 2, \$32; No. 3, \$33; Nos. 4, 5 and 6, \$34; Scotch Imported (according to brand), \$27.50 @ \$29; Scotch American (according to brand), \$27 @ 29; Anthracite, \$24 @ \$26; Coke, \$25 @ \$27; Silvery (soft), \$24 @ \$26.

Rails.—The demand for Iron Rails continues satisfactory, with no change in prices. We quote, according to specification, \$49 @ \$53.

Manufactured Iron.—The amount of business done in Manufactured Iron for the past month has, it is said, exceeded that for any corresponding month in previous years. We have no change to note in prices and the demand continues good. We quote: Bar Iron, \$2.50 for ordinary orders, and \$2.40 for carload lots; Sheet Iron, from 10 to 14 gauge, at \$3.40, and \$3.30 for large lots; Tank Iron at \$3.40, and \$3.30 for large quantities; Hoop Iron, \$3.20 @ \$3.30.

Nails.—While the demand for Nails continues fair, we learn that jobbers have, in some instances, made a concession of 10¢ per keg from the established price, but it is thought that this reduction will have no effect on the regular card. We quote \$3.20 for ordinary lots, with usual discount of 10¢ off for carload lots and 2¢ for cash.

Steel.—Trade in Tool and Machinery Steel for agricultural purposes has been satisfactory during the past week at prices quoted: Tool, 12¢; Machinery (open hearth), 6¢; Crucible Machinery, 7¢; Hammer (Cast), 2 inches and under, 9¢; over 2 inches, 10¢; Cast Spring, 7¢; open-hearth Spring, Tire and Sleigh Shoe, 5¢. In large lots these prices would be shaded.

Scrap Iron.—The demand for Scrap Iron continues fair at prices quoted: Forge Scrap, \$30 @ \$32; No. 1 Wrought, \$26 @ \$27; Heavy Cast, \$23 @ \$24; Stove Plate, \$17 @ \$18.

CHATTANOOGA.

Office of The Iron Age, Market and 8th Sts.,
CHATTANOOGA, April 4, 1881.

Since our last report the weather has imitated, for most of the seven days, a North-western blizzard in a modified way. Vegetation that was well advanced by the warm days of the previous week has suffered severely from sharp freezes and cold winds. Most of the earlier fruits have been seriously damaged, if not totally destroyed. The rough weather has been a serious impediment to business; yet trade, in a general way, has shown decided improvement over the week previous in value and tone of the markets.

Pig Iron.—There is no change to note. Manufacturers are confident of a long lease of present prosperous times, and are pushing their products to the fullest limit of their furnaces. We quote: No. 1 Foundry, \$25 @ \$27; No. 2 Foundry, \$23 @ \$25; Gray Forge, \$20 @ \$22; White and Mottled, \$18 @ \$20; Car Wheel Metal, \$38 @ \$40.

Miscellaneous Articles.—There has been a reduced consumption of Old Rails in the district for some time, and the spring track renewals have more than kept up the usual supply. We quote them weak at the old rate, \$26 @ \$28; Wrought Scrap, \$20 @ \$24; Cast, \$15 @ \$17; Old Wheels, \$28 @ \$30.

Ores.—We quote: 50% Brown Hematite, per ton, \$2 @ \$2.75; Red Fossil, \$2 @ \$2.25.

Nails.—Are steady and quiet. There is no considerable demand for them in the South at this season. Dull at \$3.25 rates is about the market.

Manufactured Iron.—Bar continues slack. We quote it \$2.35, weak. Railroad supplies are stiff and active. Orders, to insure being filled promptly, must be made ahead. We quote: Spikes, \$3; Track Bolts, \$4; Treadle Bolts, \$4.50; Fish Plate, \$2.50.

Coal.—Lump at \$4 @ \$4.50 per ton, delivered. Manufacturers' supplies, \$2 @ \$2.50, at mills.

Coke.—Furnace Coke, \$3 per ton at furnace; Foundry, 10¢ @ 12¢ per bushel.

Steel and Iron Rails.—Steel, \$62, at mill; Iron, \$50 @ \$52; Small T, \$57 @ \$60.

BOSTON.

APRIL 2.—There has been no change in prices of American Pig Iron since our last report; but there is reason to believe that furnacemen are continually accepting orders for prompt delivery at less than quoted rates, and that the nominal firmness of the market is due to the old notion that prices are to be higher later on. The actual tone of the market, however, is weak, and unless there is a radical improvement in the demand from consumers both in this country and abroad within the next few weeks, we look for lower quotations. We quote American Pig Iron at \$25 @ \$25.50 for No. 1 X; \$22 @ \$22.50 for No. 2 X, and \$20 @ \$21 for Gray Forge. These prices are f. o. b. at the port of shipment. Small spot lots will command \$2 per ton higher. Foreign Pig has ruled dull and weak, and there have been some concessions in prices of the

various grades. The outlook abroad is rather gloomy, and importers and dealers in foreign Pig Iron are disposed to shade prices rather than to undergo the risk of allowing stock to accumulate. We quote: Langlois, \$24 @ \$24.50; Glengarnock and Gartsherrie, \$23 @ \$23.50; Eglington and Carnbroe, \$22 @ \$22.50, and Middlesboro', ("Clarence") \$18.50 @ \$19 for No. 3 and \$20 for No. 1. Old Rails are quiet and fairly steady at \$32 for American, and \$27 @ \$29 for foreign. Manufactured Iron is fairly active and steady, and we continue to quote Refined Bars at \$2.30 per 100 lbs. Norway and Swedish are unchanged at \$3.75 for Bars and \$4.75 for Shapes. Nails are firm but quiet at \$3 per keg for rod, to 60d. Plate Iron is moderately active and steady, quoting \$2.95 @ \$3 for Common and Tank; \$3.15 @ \$3.25 for C. No. 1; \$3.50 @ \$3.62½ for C. H. No. 1 Shell; and \$4.62½ @ \$4.75 for C. H. No. 1 Flange; and 6¼¢ for Bay State X Flange for fire-boxes, &c. Copper has ruled dull and weak, though nominally unchanged at 10¢ for large lines of Lake and 18½¢ @ 18¾¢ for Baltimore. The Boston store price is 19¼¢ @ 19½¢ for Lake and 18¼¢ @ 18½¢ for Baltimore. The market has continued to be characterized by a feeling of distrustfulness, and although the mining companies have expressed a willingness to make contracts for monthly delivery throughout the present year at 10¢, buyers on those terms have not been forthcoming. Possibly some of the large Connecticut consumers who have heavy orders in hand for cartridges or other Brass and Copper manufactures, may see fit to protect themselves by making contracts for material even at to-day's rates. But the takings for those purposes would have to be very large to have any strengthening effect upon the market in the face of the heavy stocks of Copper in this country and Europe. The production of Copper, as of most other metals, has been considerably in excess of consumption during the past season. There has been no change in the combination prices of Manufactured Copper. We quote: New Sheathing Copper at 26¢; Braziers', 28¢, and Bolts, 28¢; Bottoms, 31¢; American Yellow Sheathing Metal, 17¢ @ 18¢; Yellow Metal Bolts, 20¢; and English Yellow Metal Sheathing, 14¢, in bond. Lead has been slow of sale at 4½¢ @ 4¾¢ for car-load lots, delivered in Boston. Store lots command 4¾¢ @ 5¢ for Western and 4¾¢ @ 4½¢ for Rometel. The prices of manufactures are unchanged, as follows: Bar, 6½¢; Pipe, 6½¢; Sheet, 7¢; Tin-lined Pipe, 15¢; Tin Pipe, 40¢, all less 10¢ to the trade. No. 1 Solder, 11½¢. Spelter has been quiet and steady, and we quote common Western at 5½¢ by the car-load, and 5½¢ @ 5¾¢ for smaller lots. Rometel is obtainable at 4½¢ @ 4¾¢. Sheet Zinc is in moderate demand at 7¢ @ 7½¢. Tin has been firm and moderately active at the same prices as last noted, quoting Straits and English at 20¢ @ 20¼¢. The former market for Tin Plates has led to a more active business. We quote good-sized lots, ordinary brands, as follows: Charcoal Bright, \$6 @ \$6.25; ditto Ternes, \$5.35 @ \$5.50; Coke Tin, \$5 @ \$5.12½, and ditto Ternes, \$5.—Commercial Bulletin.

LOUISVILLE.

Messrs. GEO. H. HULL & CO., Commission Merchants, report to us as follows, under date of April 1: The market is very quiet in tone, and but for the large aggregate of sales, we should expect it to be a little lower in price. Some of the largest concerns, however, are sold so far ahead that they decline to book further orders at present, and there is nothing pressing on the market, except some odd lots of inferior grade, as nearly all sales made in this market are for cash. We continue to quote on this basis as below:

| FOUNDRY IRONS. | |
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| Hanging Rock Charcoal No. 1..... | \$27.00 @ 28.00 |
| No. 1 Southern, Charcoal..... | 26.00 @ 30.00 |
| No. 2..... | 24.00 @ 25.00 |
| No. 3 Hanging Rock, Stonecoast and Coke..... | 23.50 @ 24.00 |
| No. 4 Hanging Rock, Stonecoast and Coke..... | 22.50 @ 23.00 |
| No. 1 Southern, Stonecoast and Coke..... | 23.50 @ 24.00 |
| No. 2..... | 22.50 @ 23.00 |
| No. 3 American Scotch..... | 21.00 @ 24.00 |
| Silver Gray..... | 19.00 @ 24.00 |
| Scotch..... | 25.00 @ 26.00 |

| MILL IRONS. | |
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| No. 1 Charcoal, Cold-short and Neutral..... | \$22.00 @ 24.00 |
| No. 2 Stonecoast and Coke, Cold-short and Neutral..... | 22.00 @ |
| No. 3 Stonecoast and Coke, Cold-short and Neutral..... | 21.00 @ 21.50 |
| No. 1 Missouri and Indiana Red-short..... | 20.00 @ 21.00 |
| White and Mottled, Cold-short and Neutral..... | 19.00 @ 20.00 |

| CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE IRONS. | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Hanging Rock, Cold-blast..... | 35.00 @ 42.00 |
| Alabama and Georgia, Cold-blast..... | 35.00 @ 40.00 |
| Kentucky, Cold-blast..... | 35.00 @ 40.00 |

W. B. BELKNAP & CO., Iron and Steel Merchants, Nos. 113 and 115 Main street, report to us as follows, under date of April 2: The market is barely steady, and, though prices are not notably lower, sales are being pressed, and possibly buyers canvassed more closely than for some months past. All talk of an advance to \$2.50 card for Bars has ceased, and we shall be reasonably content if \$2.25 @ \$2.30 is maintained. Another storm of cold and wet, with snow falling more or less for five days, has set us back two weeks. Advices from the neighborhood of Vicksburg, Miss., report that plantation work, usually well advanced by this season, is scarcely begun, and this is largely true of the whole South. Hardly a plow has been put to the ground in Kentucky. Nails remain where they were, consumption, however, not commensurate with the large production. Coal is still high, owing to the extraordinary demand. The new railroad, the St. Louis Air Line, will be pushed forward as rapidly as the weather will permit, and by next autumn it will be bringing the Indiana block coal to our doors.

CLEVELAND.

APRIL 4.—Pig Iron.—The week just closed has been one of excessive depression in all kinds of Pig metal. The heavy storms have completely stopped the delivery of metal, and greatly retarded all kinds of outdoor work. Foundry Irons have been selling very meagerly, and the mills, generally filled up two weeks ago, have not placed any

orders since our last report. Prices remain about the same as heretofore quoted, but are weak. There is very little demand for Charcoal Iron, and prices for that quality are no better. The dealings in Scrap Iron and Old Rails have been very slow, although prices are firm and a number of buyers are in the market; but, expecting to see a decline, are holding off their purchases or placing their limit at a price which sellers will not meet.

APRIL 4.—Ores.—The Ore market remains in about the same state as last week. There have been several lots sold for present delivery at about the prices quoted along back. The indications are the docks at the lower Lake Erie ports will be well cleared by the time navigation opens. As we advised you previously, Bessemer Ores have gone pretty rapidly, and are mostly sold out; most of the companies entirely so. Ores suitable for foundry and mill purposes are selling somewhat slower, although every week shows contracts closed for some one of these different Ores in quantity. The outlook at the present writing is that we shall have a short season of navigation, and, as consumption will be large, there is no doubt that all the Ore that will be shipped from Lake Superior will be consumed.

NEW ORLEANS.

Messrs. MINNIGRODE & CO., dealers in Railway Supplies, 61 St. Charles street, write as follows, under date of March 31: We note several large transactions in New Steel Rails for importation through this port at prices not made public, but supposed to be about the figures below quoted:

| Scotch Pig, f. o. b., as per brand..... | |
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| Bar Iron..... | 26.00 @ 28.00 |
| Nails..... | 0.02 1/2 @ |
| New Steel Rails (foreign) for standard section..... | 45.50 @ 48.00 |
| Track Splices..... | 64.00 @ 65.50 |
| " Bolts..... | 0.02 1/2 @ |
| " Spikes..... | 0.01 1/2 @ |
| Old Iron Rails, f. o. b..... | 28.00 @ 30.00 |
| Old Car Wheels, gross ton, f. o. b..... | 28.00 @ 29.00 |
| No. 1 Wrought Scrap, net ton, f. o. b..... | 25.00 @ |
| No. 1 Cast Scrap, net ton, f. o. b..... | 20.00 @ |

CINCINNATI.

APRIL 4.—Pig Iron.—The market continues inactive, but steady in price; transactions are confined to filling orders from consumers for small lots and for current use. Many of the Charcoal furnaces are out of blast, and the continued winter weather will delay their blowing in again till at least one month later in the season. Meantime the stocks on hand will be materially reduced, this being known gives firmness to present prices: Hot-blast Charcoal Foundry—Best No. 1, \$27.50; good, \$26.50 @ \$27. No. 2, low, \$25 @ \$25.50; good, \$25.50 @ \$26. Best Machinery, \$26 @ \$27; Car Wheel, \$28. Coke Foundry, No. 1, \$25; No. 2, \$23 @ \$23.50. Bituminous Foundry, No. 1, \$23 @ \$23.50; No. 2, \$22 @ \$22.50. Bituminous Silver Gray softeners, No. 1, \$22; No. 2, \$21; No. 3, \$20 @ \$20.50. Bituminous Machinery, \$21 @ \$21.50, all 4 mos. Cold-blast Charcoal Car Wheel, \$36 @ \$40; Warm-blast, \$28 @ \$32. Bar Iron, \$2.15 @ \$2.25 card rate.

ST. LOUIS.

Messrs. HOFFER, PLUMB & CO., Pig Iron and Iron Ore Merchants, 417 Pine street, write as follows, under date of April 2: There has been but little business done during the past week, transactions being almost altogether confined to small lots. For cash we quote:

| HOT BLAST CHARCOAL. | |
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| Missouri, No. 1..... | \$28.00 @ 29.00 |
| Southern, No. 1..... | 25.00 @ 26.00 |
| Hanging Rock..... | 28.00 @ 29.00 |
| COKE AND COAL. | |
| Missouri, No. 1..... | none offering. |
| Southern, No. 1..... | 24.00 @ 25.00 |
| Ohio No. 1..... | 24.00 @ 25.00 |
| MILL IRONS. | |
| Cold-short..... | 22.50 @ 23.00 |
| Red-short..... | 24.00 @ 25.00 |
| CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE IRON. | |
| Missouri..... | 31.00 @ 35.00 |
| Southern..... | 35.00 @ 38.00 |
| Ohio..... | 35.00 @ 43.00 |

COLEMAN & BRO., Third and Pine streets, write us as follows, April 4: The demand during the latter part of March has been lighter than for some time past, owing probably to the severe weather and partly to the fact that many of our largest consumers have had their orders booked ahead for some months. Prices, especially for inferior brands, show some weakness, but furnacemen, as a rule, do not seem inclined to meet buyers' views. We quote, f. o. b., here, for cash:

| FOUNDRY IRONS. | |
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| No. 1 Hanging Rock, Charcoal..... | \$28.00 @ 29.00 |
| No. 2..... | 27.00 @ 28.00 |
| No. 3..... | 24.50 @ 25.50 |
| Hanging Rock Coke and Stonecoast..... | 23.50 @ 24.50 |
| No. 2..... | 25.00 @ 26.00 |
| Southern Charcoal and Coke No. 1..... | 26.00 @ 28.00 |
| Missouri..... | 26.00 @ 28.00 |
| Silver Gray..... | 22.00 @ 23.00 |
| MILL IRONS. | |
| No. 1 Cold-Short and Neutral..... | 22.50 @ 23.00 |
| No. 1 Red-Short..... | 25.00 @ 26.00 |
| CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE IRONS. | |
| Hanging Rock Cold Blast..... | 40.00 @ 44.00 |
| Warm Blast..... | 35.00 @ 38.00 |
| Lake Superior..... | 34.00 @ 36.00 |
| Southern..... | 35.00 @ 40.00 |

RICHMOND.

Mr. ASA SWYDER, Iron Merchant and Furnace Agent, writes as follows under date of April 4: A vigorous business is still maintained, and prices range as at last report, with slightly weakening tendency. Below you have quotations:

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| Scotch Pig Iron..... | \$24.00 @ 27.00 |
| American Scotch Pig Iron..... | 26.00 @ 27.00 |
| No. 1..... | 24.00 @ 27.00 |
| No. 2..... | 22.00 @ 25.00 |
| No. 3..... | 24.00 @ 25.00 |
| Mottled and White..... | 19.00 @ 21.00 |
| Virginia Charcoal C. B. Wheel Iron..... | 37.00 @ 39.00 |
| Coke Pig Iron No. 1..... | 25.00 @ 26.00 |
| Old Rails..... | 26.00 @ 28.00 |
| Old Wheels..... | 28.00 @ 29.00 |
| Wrought Scrap, No. 1..... | 22.00 @ 25.00 |
| Cast Machinery Scrap..... | 21.00 @ 22.00 |
| Richmond Refined Bar Iron..... | 25.00 @ 26.00 |
| Horse Shoes, Treadle..... | 4.00 @ |
| Mule..... | 5.00 @ |

Our English Letter.

Review of the British Iron, Steel, Metal and Hardware Trades.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENG., March 21, 1881.

THE MARKETS.

Here appear to be going from bad to worse, if there can be any degree of comparison where there is virtually no movement. As there can be no measurement without a standard, so there can be no comparative degree without a positive, and so far as I can see it is a long time since there was anything positive about the iron trade of this country. Just now, in fact, the bottom seems to have dropped out of everything, to use one of the several expressive euphemisms which have been imported into this country from the United States. There is literally scarcely anything doing in the open markets, and at many of the works which were quite busy a month or so ago there is now a visible slackness and an awkward intermittency which are significantly indicative of poorly supplied order books and a "mixed" conception of the near future. This remarkable relapse is almost universally felt in the iron trade and is most openly confessed, which I take to be a hopeful symptom. A little too much protesting is healthy and foreshadows better things to come before long. At the moment, however, the thing is genuine enough, and is bringing forth the customary crop of explanations and vaticinations, both in public and in private. The latter one may get rid of in one of several summary modes, but the man who will air his grievances and his "views" in print adds a new terror to bad times—even as Lord Brougham is said to have dubbed a certain eminent biographer to have added a new terror to death. I suppose it is necessary that gentlemen should have "views" of one or other kind, but I don't understand why these views don't achieve the blushing honors of type prior to, instead of contemporaneously with, the events upon which they touch. This may be owing to the peculiar twist of my mental organization, yet still it is. Why, for instance, have not some of the gentlemen who are now rushing into print been more active and earlier in denouncing that over-production which they have, apparently, only just found out? Why have they allowed your obedient servant to play the part of the pelican in the wilderness, the Cassandra, et hoc genus omne, in that respect, instead of strengthening his feeble efforts by their own mighty arms? I have humbly decried these things afar off, as it were, and "greatly daring," have ventured to condemn their exaggerated make of iron and to tell them now come in and also wish to claim the full day's penny. Even so shall the conscious right of might be mine! So shall the just triumph! Certain it is that until there is a marked diminution of the production of pig iron in Scotland and Cleveland the iron trade will not improve, even if it does not grow worse. No steps have as yet been taken in that direction, so that the inference is in favor of lower prices and a sharp period of disorganization and failures, to be followed by a lessened aggregate output and a more stable market. This may be averted by assuming a renewal of your demand and other equally speculative and unreliable eventualities, but with ordinary conditions it is more likely to be carried out to the very letter rather than the contrary. Two or three small failures have been reported in Staffordshire within the past week, and, if I am rightly informed, others are imminent there and elsewhere. Under these circumstances it may be worth while to quote from a letter which has been published in the "Money" article of the Times, signed "Iron": "A careful survey of our trade induces me to think that the present hypochondriacal state of feeling is unjustifiable, and will at a very early date disappear. The stoppage of traffic of all the iron works and collieries during the month of January by the severe storm interrupted deliveries, and created a feeling of gloom which has not yet been dispersed; and the political difficulties which have beset the government in Ireland, the Transvaal, Afghanistan and Greece have all had a depressing influence. Let me, however, point out that the iron trade, notwithstanding all its fluctuations, its low prices and its high prices, its periods of depression and its times of extravagance, is a constantly increasing and thriving trade. This may be easily proved. The production of pig iron in 1860 was 3,900,000 tons; in 1865, 4,800,000 tons; in 1870, 6,000,000 tons; in 1875, 6,350,000 tons and in 1880, 7,200,000 tons. No trade in the world would develop at this rate if it did not yield to those engaged in it a fair reward for work and capital. The activity during 1879 has cleared away stocks of pig iron, which I cannot estimate at less than 500,000 tons, then in the hands of private manufacturers, and which were never reckoned upon as among the public stocks during 1878 and 1879. Railway yards have been cleared of at least 300,000 to 400,000 tons of scrap iron which waited consumption. It must surprise everybody connected with the trade that stocks in storekeepers' yards, with such an immense production as 7,200,000 tons last year, have increased so slightly. The stock at the close of 1878 was 1,016,337 tons, and the stock at the close of 1880 was 1,070,124 tons. During the past two months there has been an increase in stock in Middlesbrough and Scotland of 126,000 tons, or about 12 days' production. It is this increased make which has frightened buyers and caused the depression which for the moment exists. Our home iron trade manufacture is in a most satisfactory state, and our foundries and forges and shipbuilding yards were never more busily at work. Although we have lost the greater portion of last year's American demand, there are signs of increasing requirements from the whole of the rest of the world, and there is every appearance of a very extensive spring trade. The success of the Thomas-Gilchrist process of manufacture will give England the command of the iron and steel trade of the world. A stock of pig iron in reserve which only represents

Mississippi and Texas Railroad at Berwick Bay. The structure will rest on wooden piles, which will be about 3 feet in diameter and 50 feet long. As it will be necessary to dice a long pile of wood, a wrought iron derrick has been made in halves, edged with heavy angle iron and about 8 feet long, which will relieve the abutting ends of the piles and bind them securely together. The water at the point selected for the bridge is about 90 feet in depth and the piles will be driven about 50 feet into the river bottom. For the draw span alone there will be over 200 piles driven. This will be a huge undertaking, but this well-known bridge company is equal to the task.—*Reading Eagle*.



Though we have occupied this identical space in *The Iron Age* for more than twelve years, and though we have been the leading Bit Brace manufacturers of this country during all that time, we have seldom spoken of it in our advertisement, for the reason that all the leading dealers were supposed to know it. Since we first put

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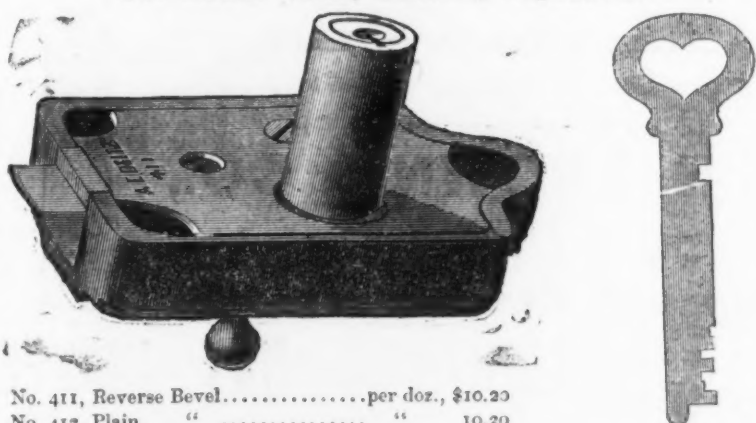
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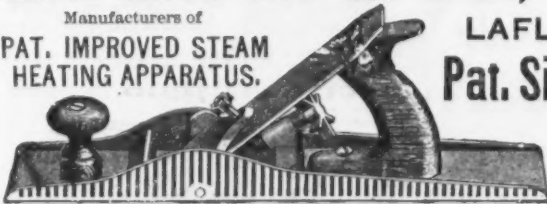
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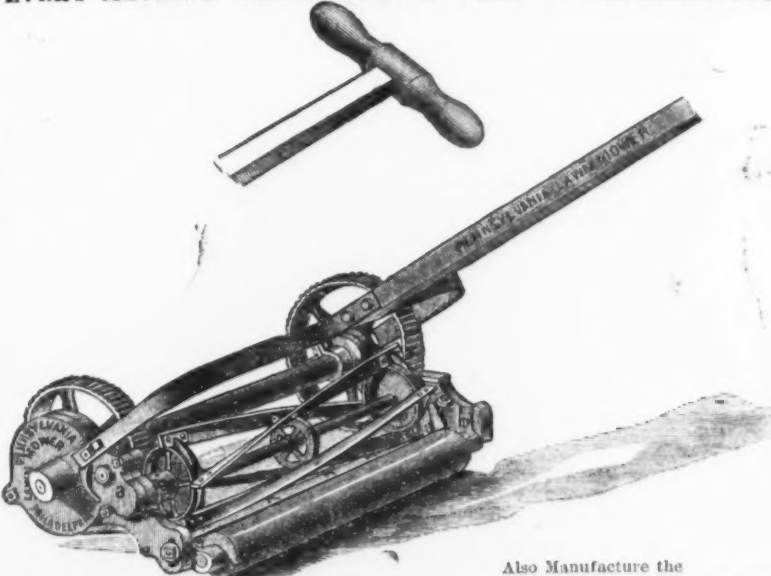
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Isabella Furnace, West Nantmeal, Chester County, which was compelled to go out of blast some time ago in consequence of having exhausted its supply of charcoal, will not, it is thought, be able to go into operation again until next fall. In the meantime some necessary improvements will be made, among which will be a new bellows, or blowing apparatus of some kind, and a new railroad from the Waynesburg Railroad to the furnace is likely to be constructed.

Furnace No. 1 of the Reading Iron Works, which went out of blast last summer, is being relined, and some alterations will be made in the construction of the furnace with the view to its improvement. The repairs will be completed in about six weeks. Furnace No. 2 is working splendidly, and yields about 280 tons of excellent iron per week. A roaster is being built to remove the sulphur from the ores obtained at the mines at Fritz's island and Boyertown. It will be completed and put into operation next week.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Messrs. Shoenberger & Co., are erecting an addition to their works to cover their new 112-inch three-high plate mill and their other open-hearth steel furnace.

Messrs. Riter & Conley, workers in tank and sheet iron, are making for the two new blast furnaces which the Edgar Thomson Steel Company are erecting near their Bessemer works, what is believed to be the largest draft stack ever made in the United States. Its dimensions are as follows: Height, 220 feet; bottom diameter, 25 feet 4 inches; top diameter, 16 feet 6 inches. It will be set on a heavy cast-iron plate, which will be fastened to the foundation by 12 bolts, each 2½ inches in diameter and 28 feet long. The stack will have no guy. A draft stack 220 feet high and 25 feet 4 inches across, the bottom is exceptional.

The Lucy Furnace Company is still running along with its new importation of Hungarian hands, who are pegging away regardless of the disapproval of the old employees.

The manufacture of steel rails, which has lately been experimented on at the Union Iron Mills, has proved a decided success, and the firm now intends going into the manufacture of them wholesale.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Centre Foundry Company proposes to start up its works next week.

The Whitaker Iron Works goes on in full on Tuesday, after a lay off of two weeks.

OHIO.

Mr. D. M. Steward, manufacturer of soapstone crayons, at Cincinnati, has recently brought out soapstone crayons in an entirely new style, for use in rolling mills and for metal workers generally. They are neatly covered with labels cemented around them, and are gotten up with much taste. They present to the hardware trade a neat and excellent article. They are strong and durable, and very superior to common chalk for marking upon metals or rough surfaces; can be carried in the pocket with convenience. The cost of these crayons is no more than that of any other substance. Another shape of crayon for lining on boiler or other metal plates for shearing is quite an improvement in the recent productions of this establishment. Heavy orders are now being filled, which indicates large increase in the trade of iron and other metal workers throughout the United States.

Mr. Raymond Belt, of Logan, manufacturer of coal cars, blast furnaces and other machinery, is turning out quite a number of new coal cars to fill immediate and pressing demands of the miners of the Hocking Valley coal and iron region, and from other points at a distance. Mr. Belt's foundry and machine shops are models of perfection, being replete with all modern improvements and having large capacity. He is manufacturing his own patent steel and cast plows, orders for which are rapidly increasing, and as soon as the roads are passable he anticipates a heavy business in all branches of his manufacture.

Two capitalists from Pittsburgh have been in the city to-day with a view of purchasing the Alhama Iron Works, near this city. These works were sold last summer to a Pittsburgh party for \$25,000, but one of the original stockholders refused to stand to the contract. There is but little doubt that a sale will be effected, as Pittsburgh and Youngstown men are both anxious to purchase. —Stuebenville Telegram.

Etna Furnace, Ironton, blew out on the 24th ultimo, in very good shape. She will put in a new hearth and undergo other repairs. She has done good work this blast, making almost 3000 tons of No. 1 cold blast. Grant Furnace will blow in about the 1st of May.

The Ohio Steel Barb Fence Company, of Cleveland, are carrying business to keep up with their orders. The barbed wire made by this company has been on the market for the past five years, and wherever used has given good satisfaction. They have renewed their business connection in New England, and John Wales & Co., Franklin street, Boston, are the selling agents for New England of the Ohio Steel Barb Fence Company.

The Buckeye Stove Company have filed articles of incorporation. The object of the company is the manufacture of stoves and hollow-ware. The capital stock is to be \$20,000, divided into shares of 100 each. The principal works are to be located at California, Hamilton County. —Boston Commercial Bulletin.

The New York and Ohio Iron and Steel Co.'s Mill is still idle.

The Nes Silicon Steel Works, Sandusky, which have been idle since 1875, with the exception of some ten months recasting old rails, have resumed the making of steel rails. The company have orders for all the rails they can make for some time to come. Some 300 men are employed about the works.

The Central Machine Works, Dayton, so well known for their excellent steam pumps and hydraulic machinery, employ 15 hands and are in full activity. A good business is also being done in shafting, steam fittings and iron and brass castings.

The matter of organizing a company for the building of a Bessemer steel works in Youngstown is moving along very satisfactorily. The intention is to have a majority of the blast furnaces in this valley interested in the works, so that their products can be directly consumed by the steel works. Already the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company have subscribed \$100,000 stock to the new enterprise, and that the works will be built is a foregone conclusion.

Thos. J. Driskell & Co., at the Scioto Boiler Works, Scioto street, Columbus, employ about 30 hands in the manufacture of steam boilers and sheet iron work.

TENNESSEE.

The nail department of the Powell Iron Works, Chattanooga, are turning out 250 kegs of nails per day. A Chilian grinding mill for pulverizing ore was made for the Powell works last week by the Wilder foundry.

The Southern States Coal, Iron and Land Co. have taken an order for the cast and wrought iron work needed for the remodeling of the Alabama Furnace. Their foundry is turning out large quantities of car castings for railroad and furnace use.

Roane Iron Works, this city, are still running full force, double turn.

KENTUCKY.

The Norton Iron Works continue in full operation in all their departments, the furnace excepted, which will soon be ready for resumption.

The Ashland furnace continues doing well, running on all raw coal, making an average of 55 tons per day.

MISSOURI.

Bignall & Co., manufacturers of drive well points, emery grinders and iron-working machinery generally, report doing an exceptionally good business. Their pipe cutting, threading and bolt machines, the manufacture of which they make a specialty, are meeting with great favor and rapid sale.

The machine shops of J. C. Felber have been increased in capacity by the recent addition of several new pieces of fine iron-working machinery.

Two hundred tons of the iron girders and other portions of the framework of the roof of the Manhattan Market in New York city, destroyed several months ago by fire, lies sheared and ready for the furnaces at Helmbacher's Rolling Mills in this city.

The Kingland & Ferguson Manufacturing Company, St. Louis, report that all indications received from correspondents throughout the South and West point to a large trade for the spring season. The present demand for saw mills is greater than ever before.

COLORADO.

A sugar refinery, now being erected for Claus, Spreckels & Co., in San Francisco, from plans by S. S. Hepworth, of New York, will cost \$1,000,000.

CANADA.

Currie & Co., the ironmongers who lately failed for a large amount, have settled with their creditors for 50 cents on the dollar, cash, and 10 cents on time.

The Accident at the Red Jacket Furnace.

A correspondent of the Youngstown Register, writing from New Castle, Pa., says:

The particulars of the fatal accident at the Red Jacket Furnace are as follows: About 7 o'clock a. m. John Detweiler, an employee, was sent into one of the four huge boilers that belong to the furnace, to clean it out. He had been at work but a few minutes, when Sam Curry, the engineer, noticed that the rappings of his hammer had ceased. He looked in at the man-hole and saw the form of Detweiler lying in a heap, his lantern (which he had taken with him) still burning. Curry suspected gas or foul air, and at once called Charles Conn, another employee, and ordered him to go in and fetch out the lantern quick lest an explosion should ensue. Brave-hearted Conn did the bidding of his superior and handed out the lamp. He then went back to the limp body of Detweiler for the purpose of dragging it out and was in the act of lifting it up when he too fell insensible, overcome by the noxious gases. At this time John McIntyre, another employee, volunteered to go in and endeavor to bring out the bodies. He had laid hold of the body of Detweiler, when he succumbed to the life destroying fumes and became insensible. Now the excitement was intense. Three men were lying within the boiler in a dying condition, and death stared in the face any man who should dare to enter. What was to be done? Allow three human beings to perish and assistance so near at hand? With a spirit overflowing with humanity; with a daring and bravery rarely seen in the nineteenth century, one Wm. Joseph, a poor top-filler, threw off his hat and entered the tube. With undaunted courage, he took a rope, and advancing to the portion where the insensible bodies lay, secured it around the form of McIntyre and called out to the men outside to pull, and as the body was dragged to the man-hole, Joseph held up the head to keep it from scraping on the bottom. When McIntyre was brought in contact with the fresh air he revived, the deadly gas not yet having done its work. The body of Conn was brought out in the same manner, but death had already claimed it. Joseph then brought out the body of Detweiler, but in doing so succumbed to the effects of the gas and fell prostrate. Fortunately he dropped near enough the aperture to admit those outside rescuing him from the very jaws of death.

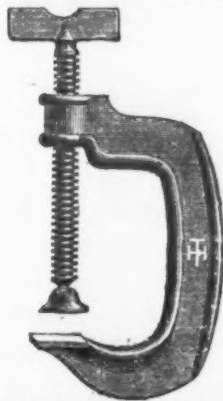
The trial of the steamboat inspectors, Jayne and Mathews, in the United States Circuit Court, on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the burning of the Seawanhaka, is still in progress. Few additional facts have been brought out thus far. Among those testifying are Mayor Grace, who was a passenger at the time of the disaster, also the officers and engineers of the boat. Philip Maguire, a boiler maker, said he examined the Seawanhaka's boiler with hammer and lamp in February or March,

1880, at Roslyn, and discovered no defect. He expressed the opinion that a hydrostatic test inspection of the boilers could be made in 10 or 15 minutes. Assistant United States Attorney Fiero asked quickly: "Could a man look all the way through the 160 tubes in those boilers in that time?" The witness created a burst of laughter in court by instantly replying "I don't know as it would take any longer to look all the way through the tubes than it would to look half the way through them."

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Krupp, at Essen, is reported to be experimenting with the Osann dephosphorizing process.

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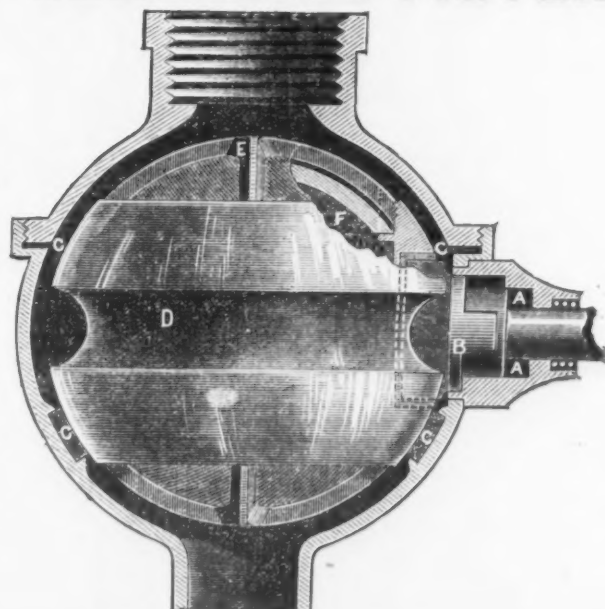
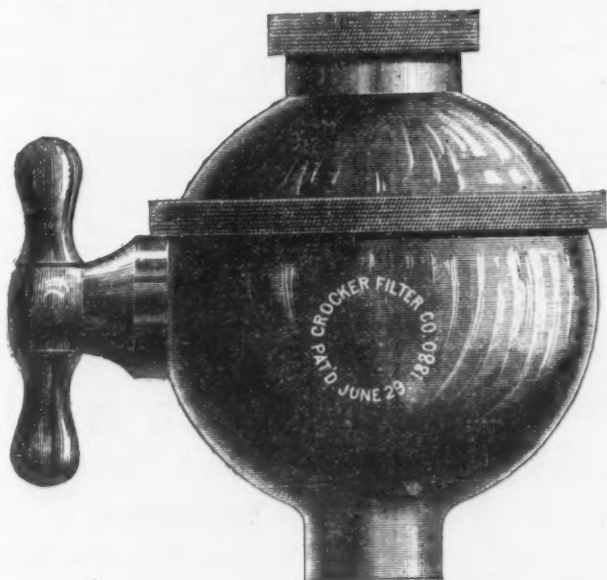
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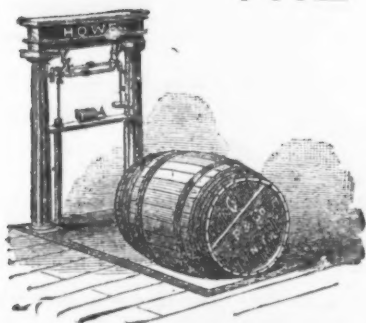


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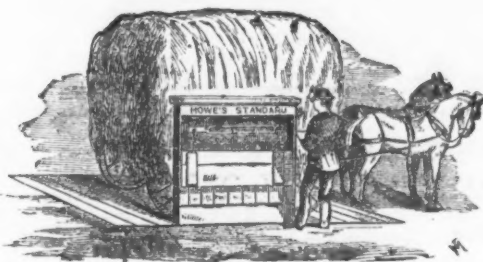
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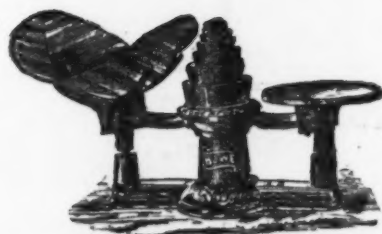
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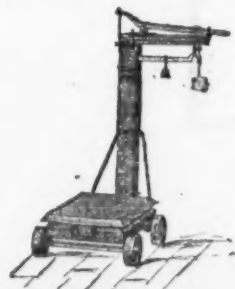


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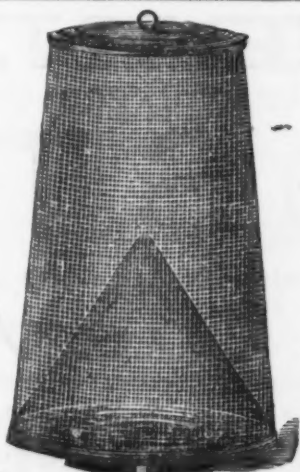
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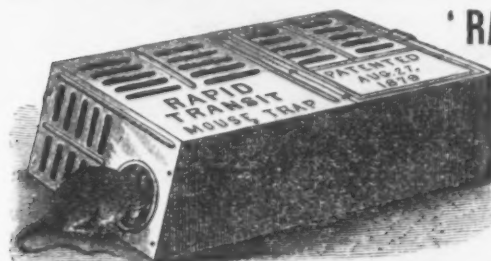
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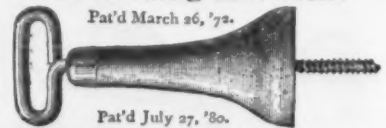
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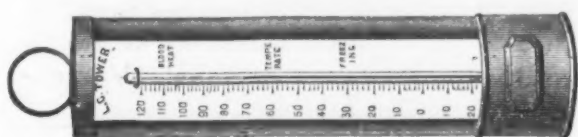
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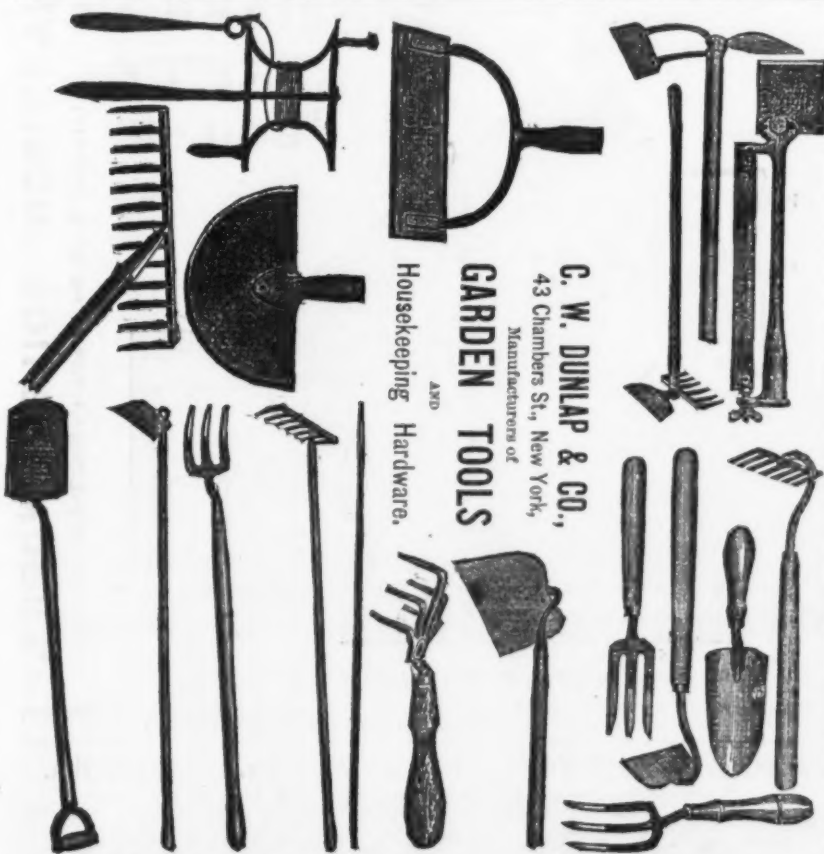


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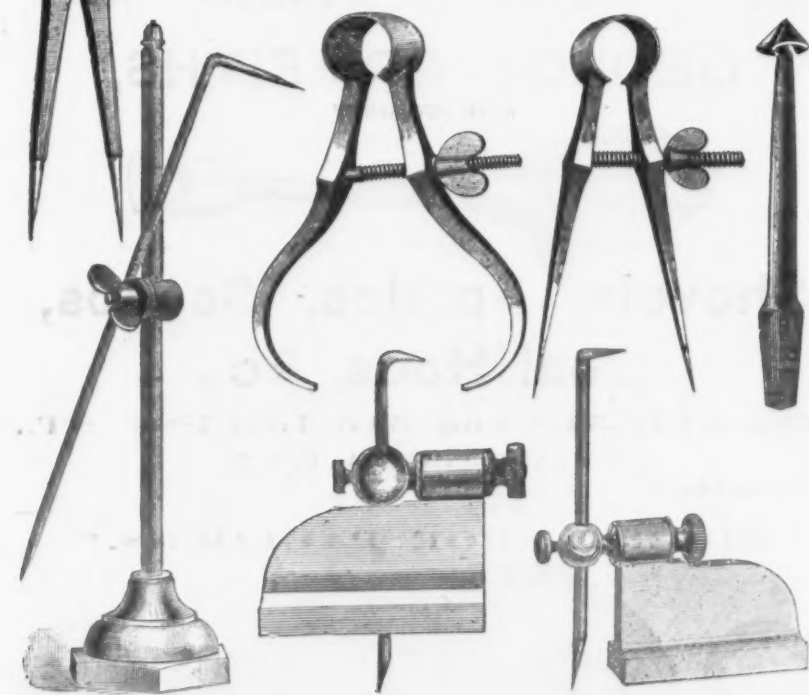


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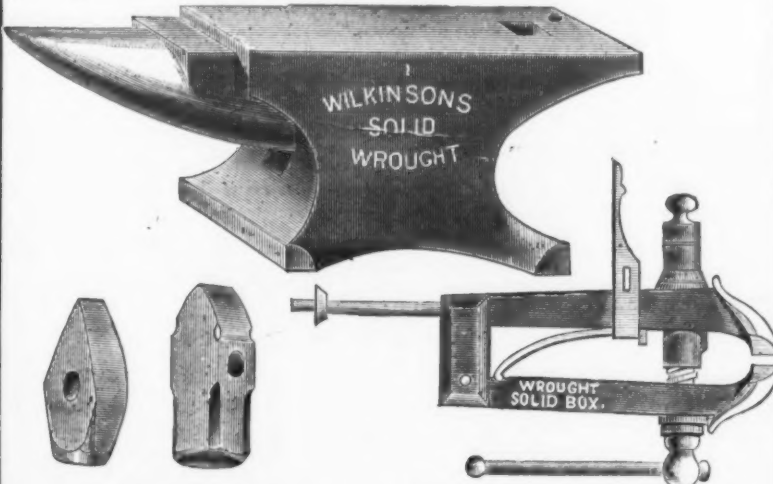
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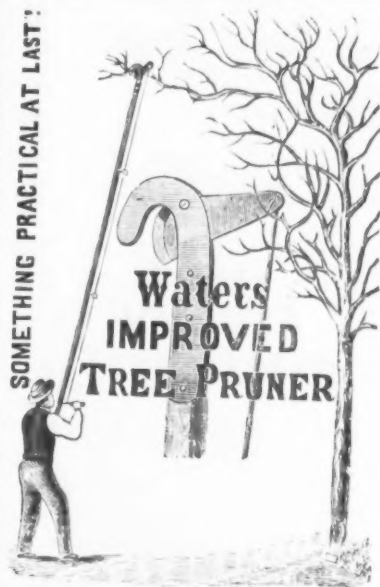


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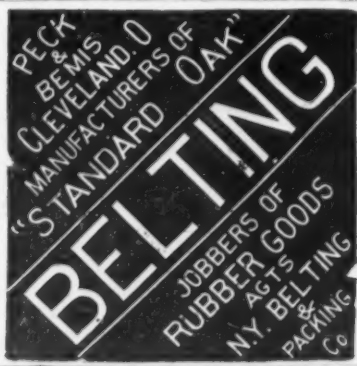
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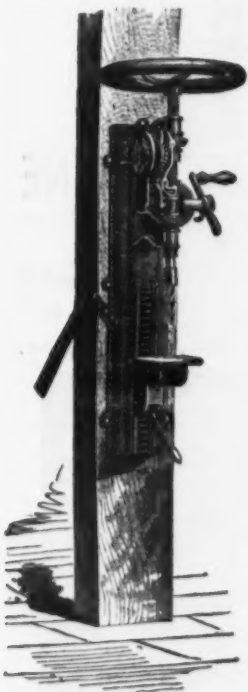
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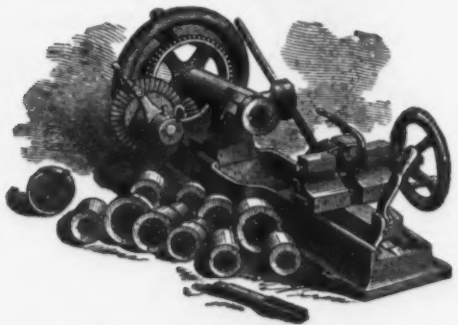
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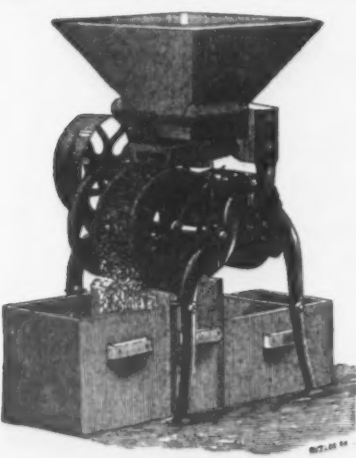
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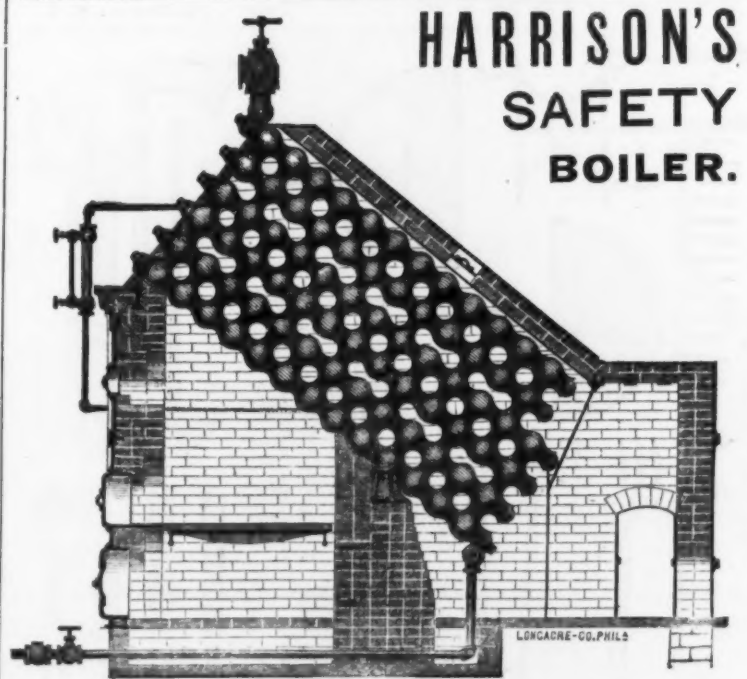
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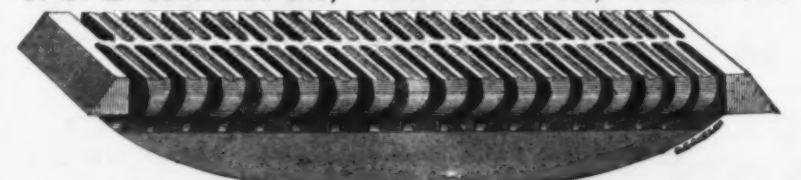
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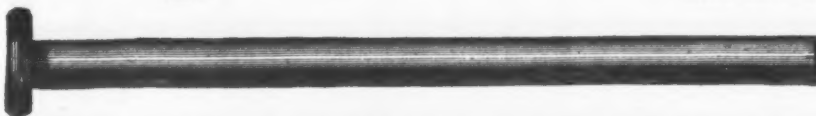

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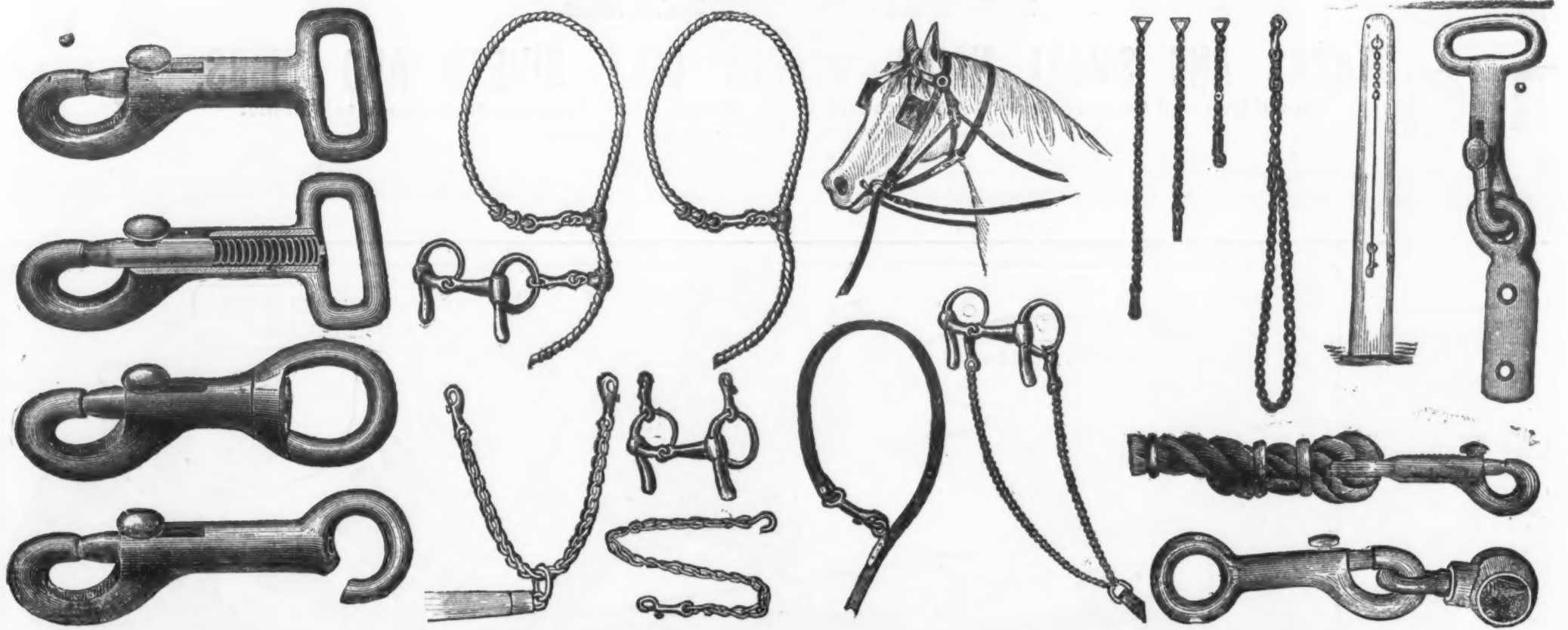
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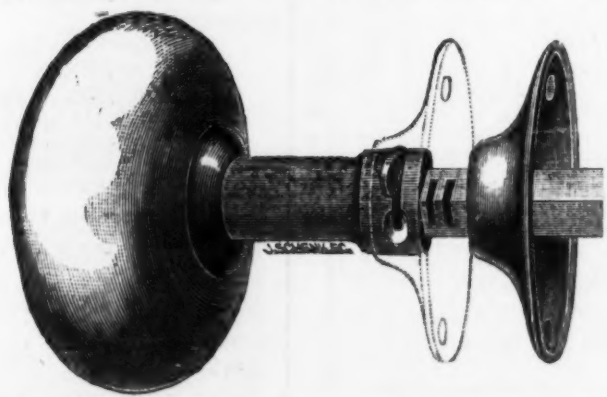
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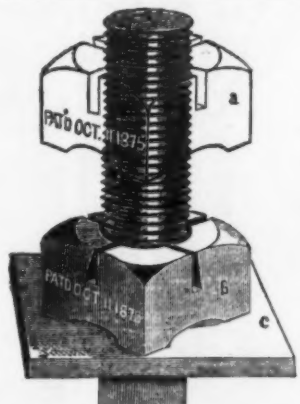
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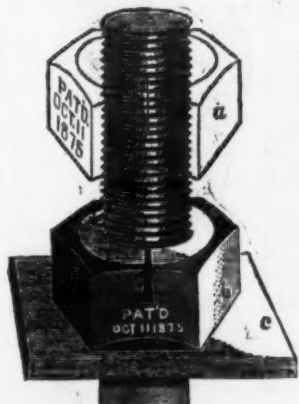
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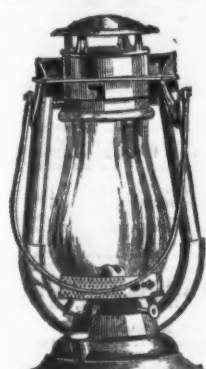
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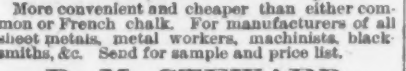


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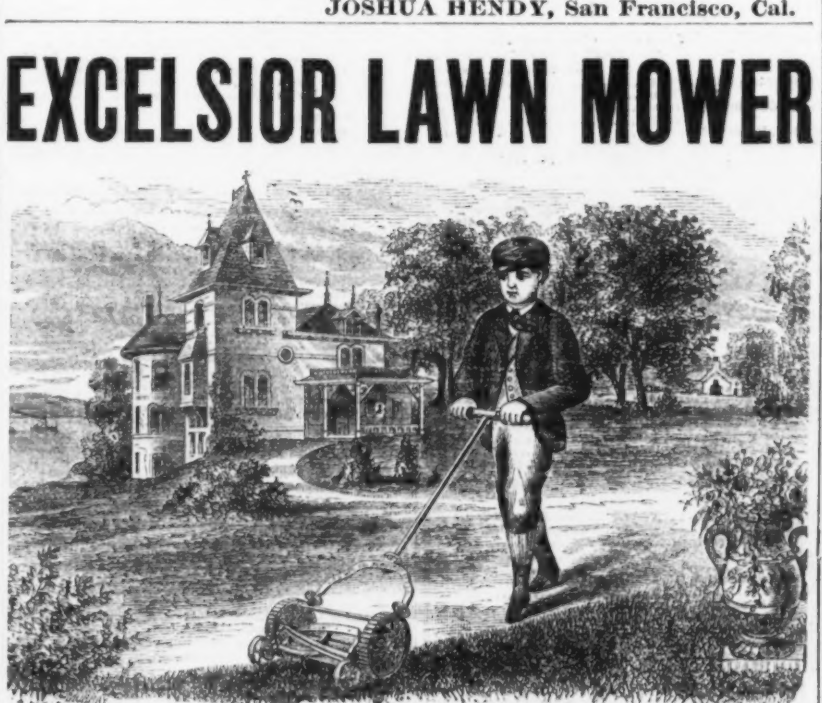
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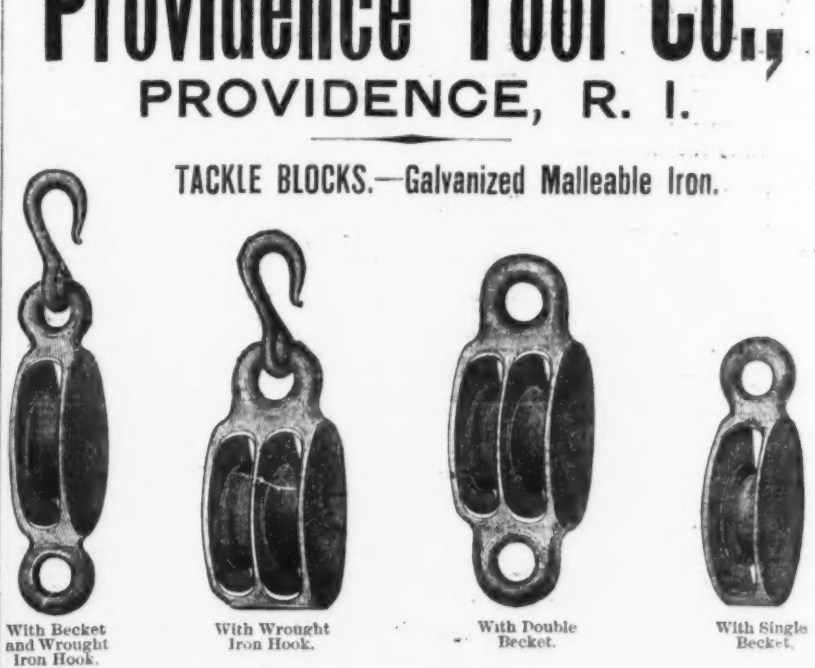
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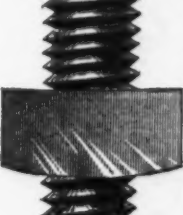
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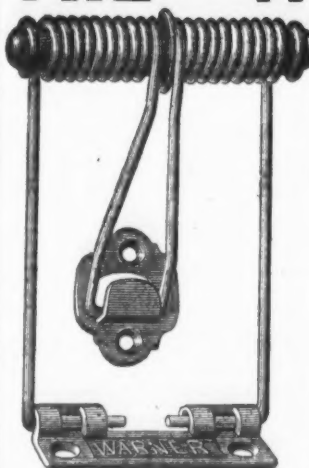
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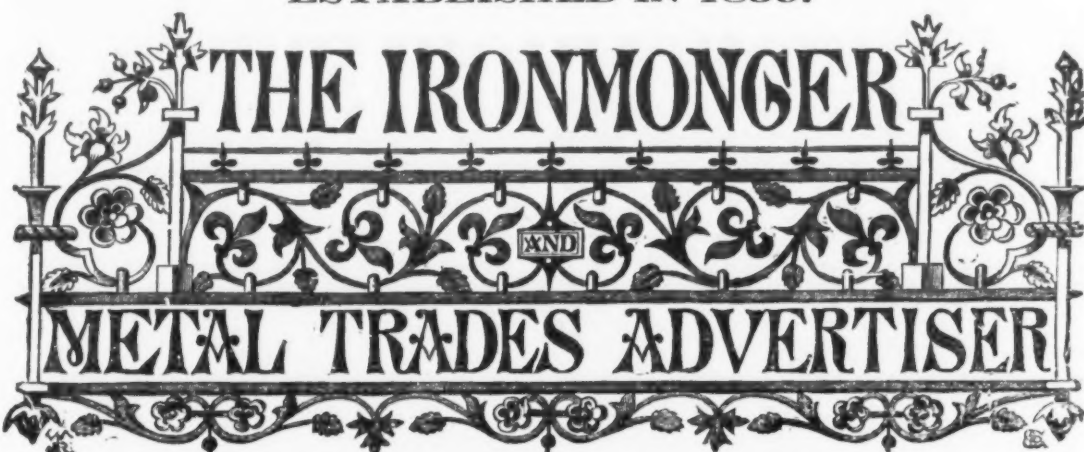
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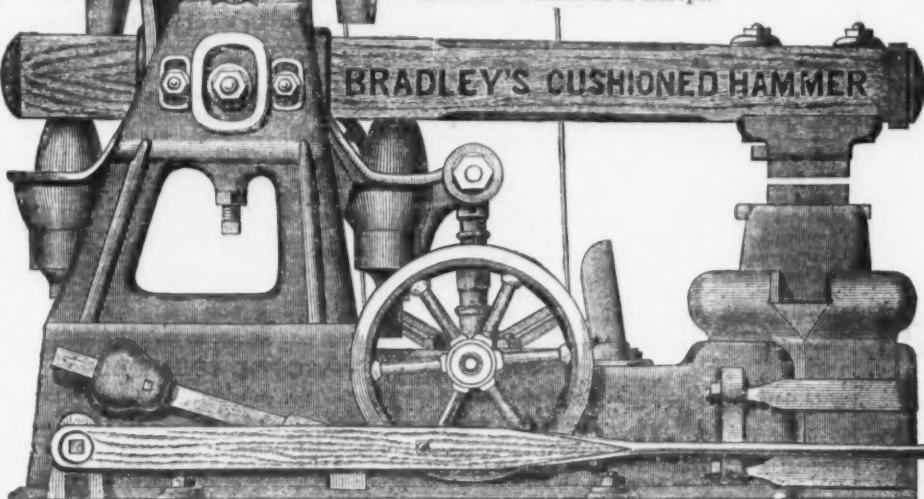


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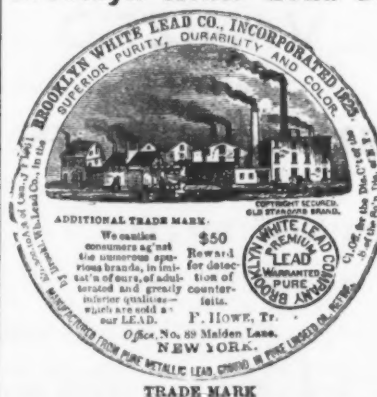
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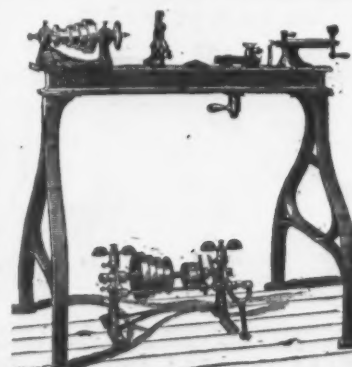
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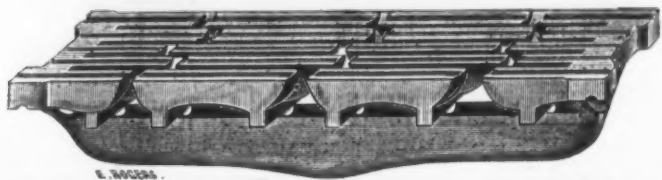
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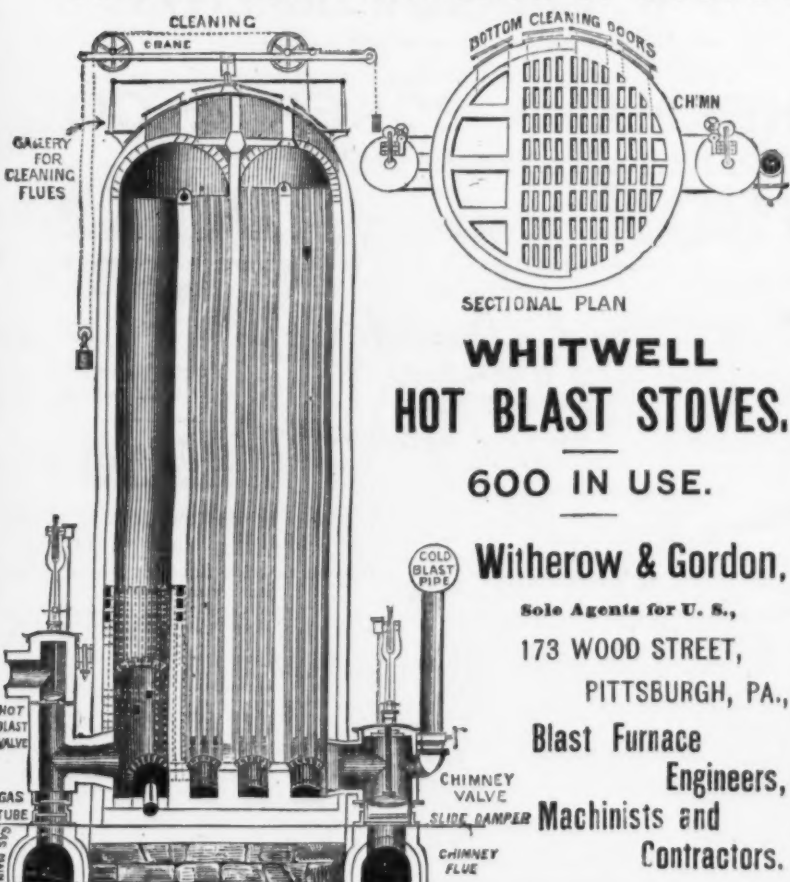
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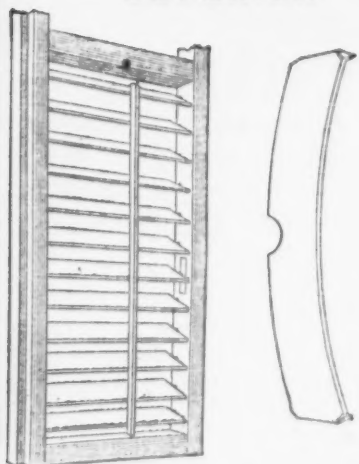
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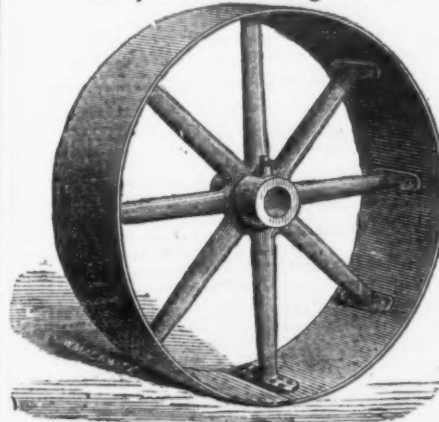
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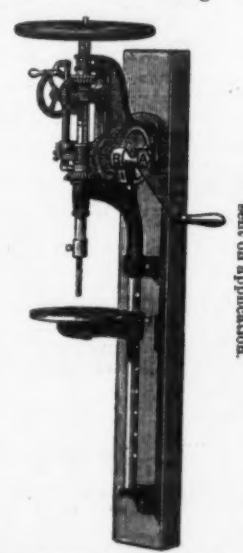
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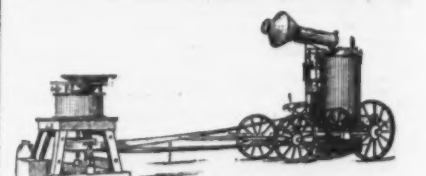
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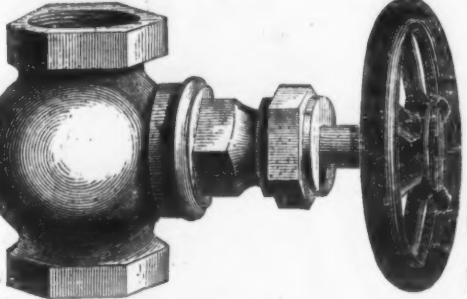
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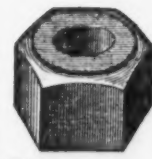


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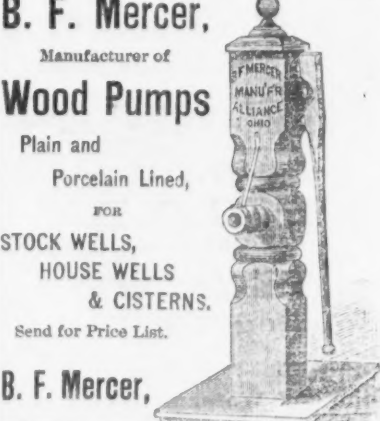
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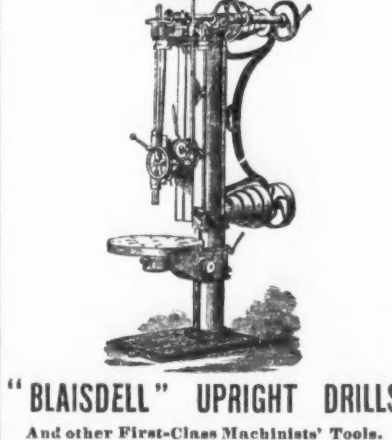


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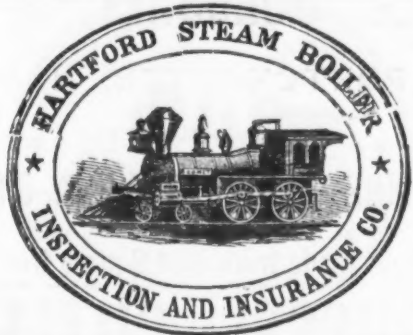
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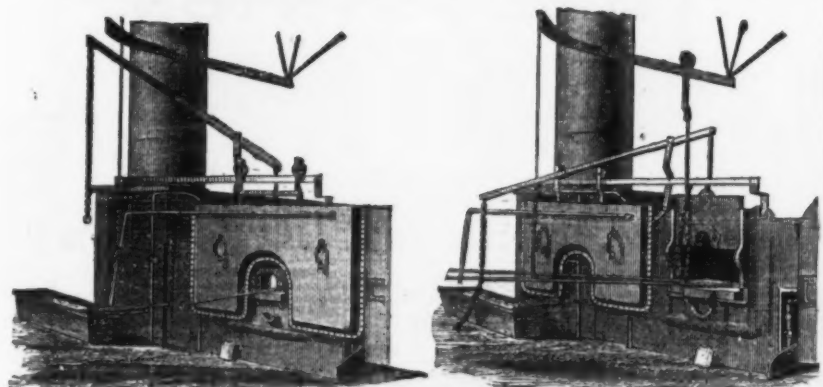
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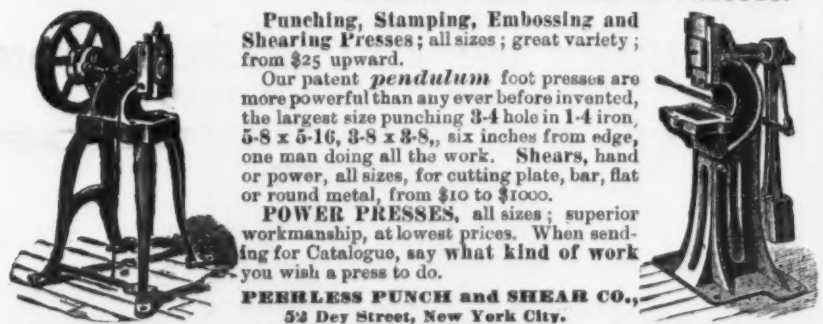
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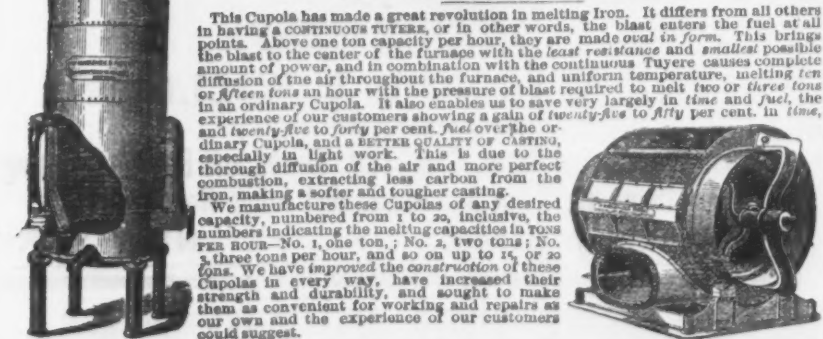
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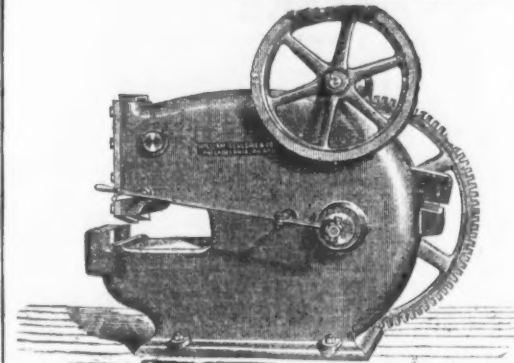
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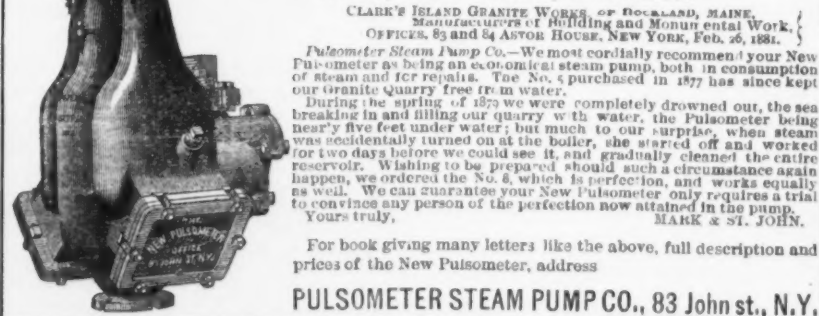
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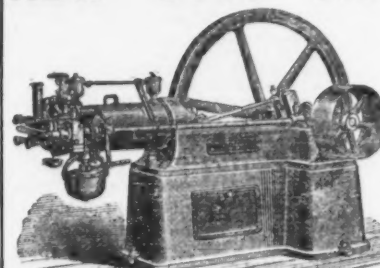
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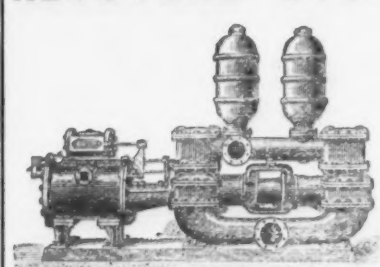


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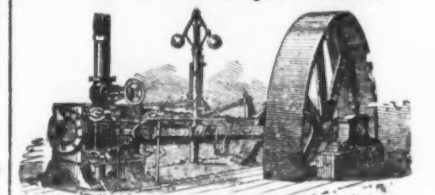
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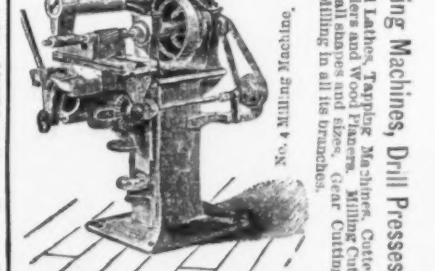
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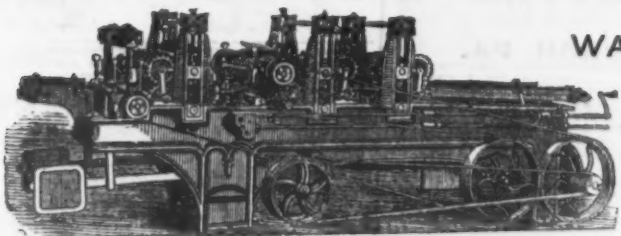
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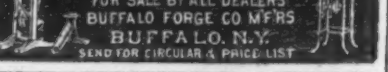
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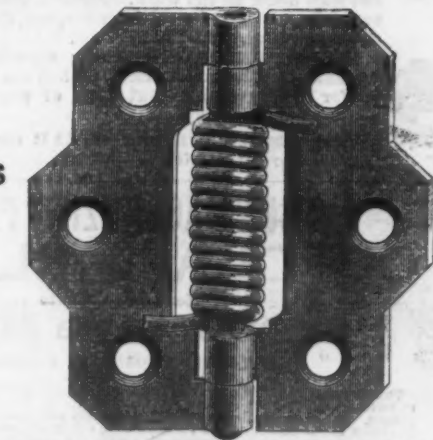
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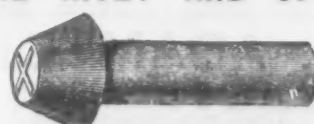
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